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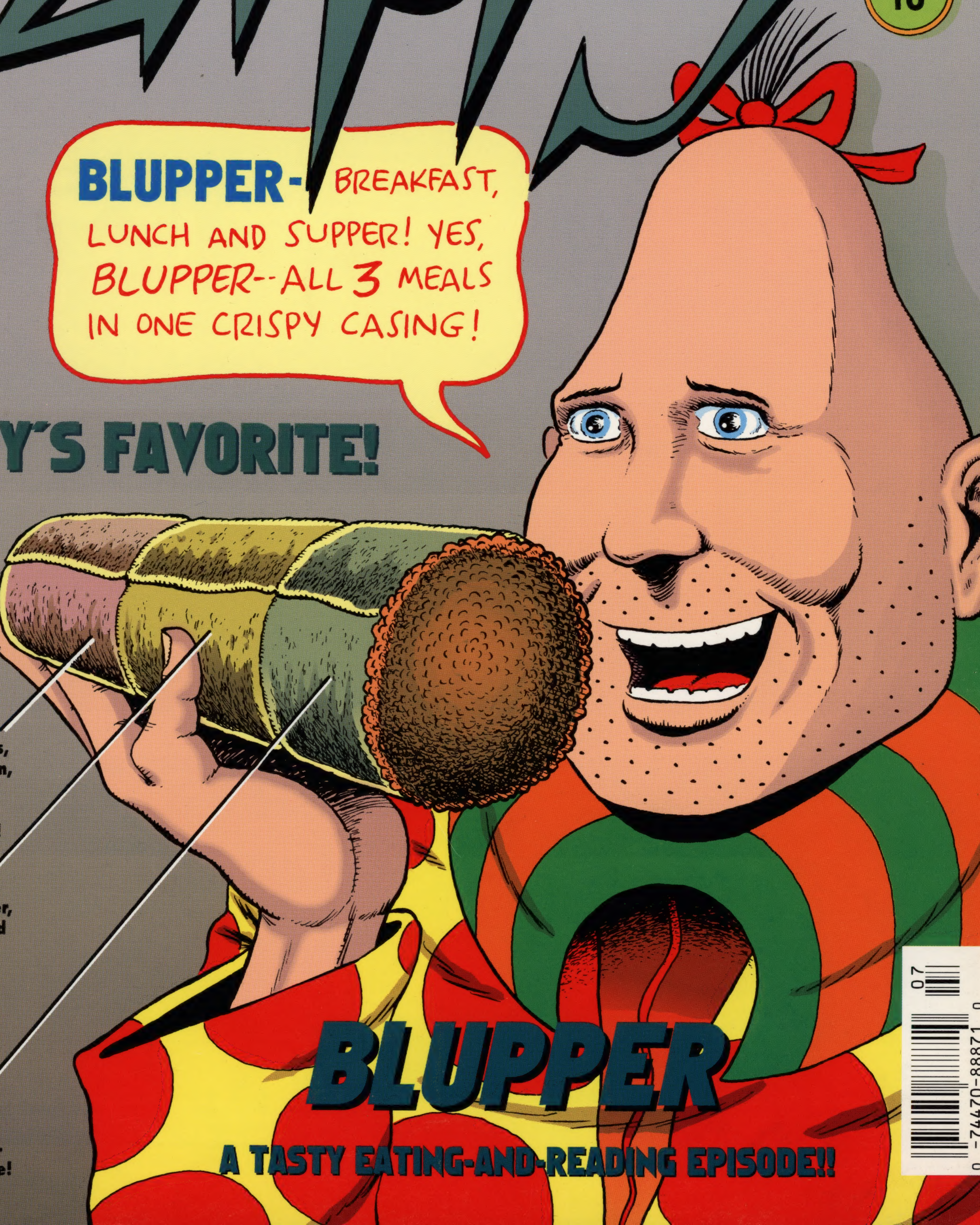
BLUPPER- BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND SUPPER! YES, BLUPPER--ALL 3 MEALS IN ONE CRISPY CASING!
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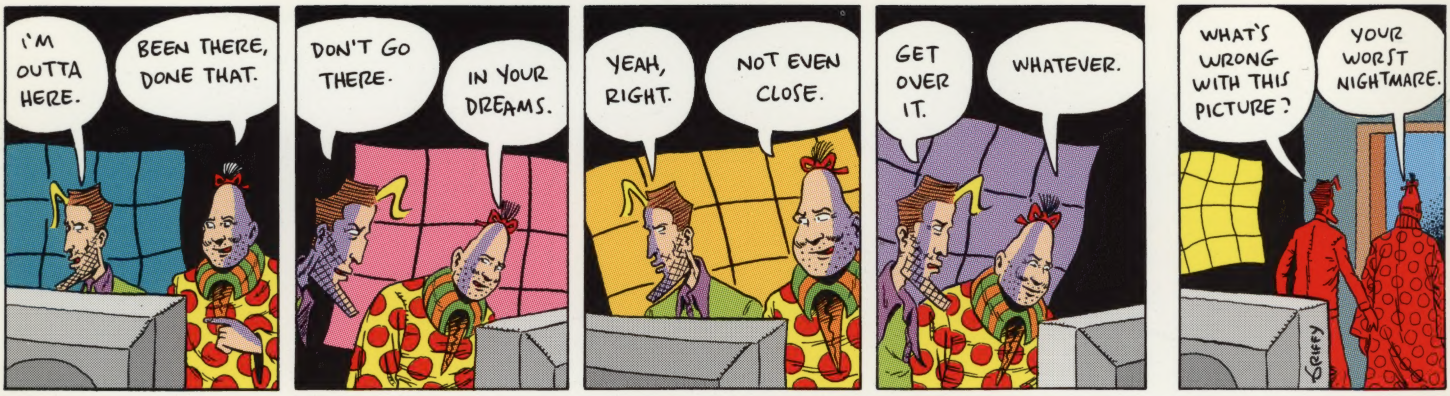
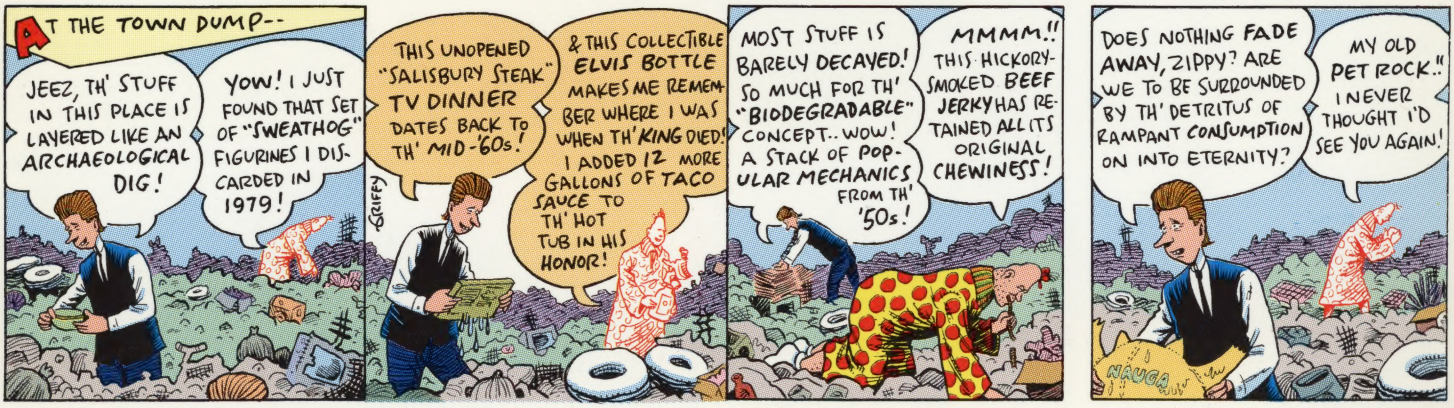
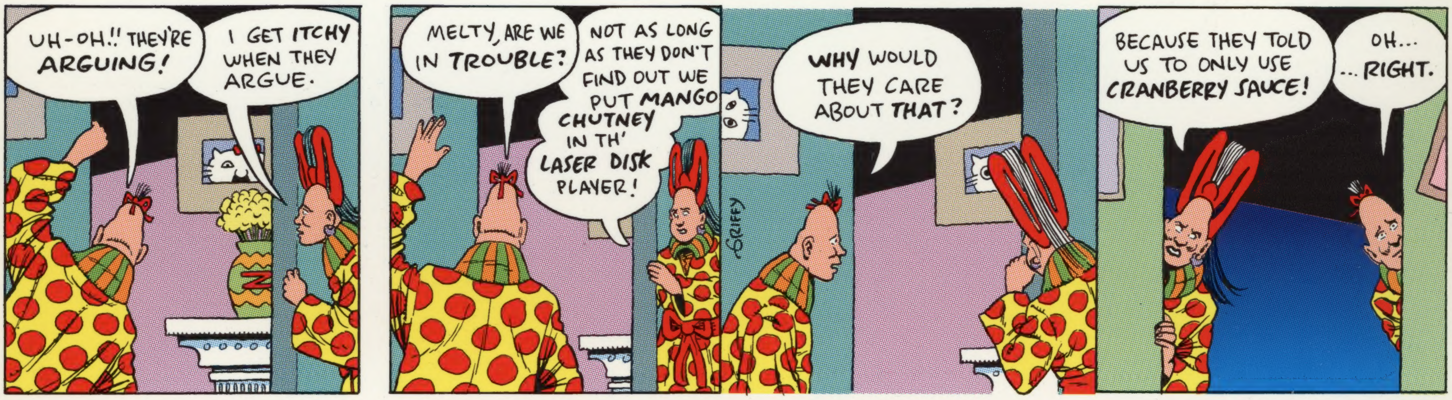
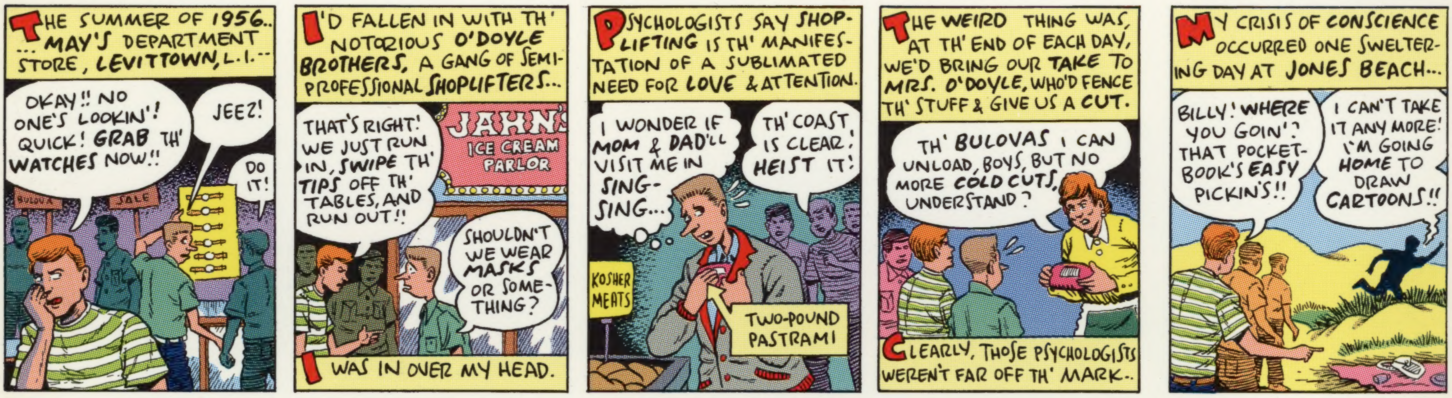

I'M OUTTA HERE.
BEEN THERE, DONE THAT.
DON'T GO THERE.
IN YOUR DREAMS.
YEAH, RIGHT.
NOT EVEN CLOSE.
GET OVER IT.
WHATEVER.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?
YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE.
GRIFFY


AT THE TOWN DUMP--
JEEZ, TH' STUFF IN THIS PLACE IS LAYERED LIKE AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG!
YOW! I JUST FOUND THAT SET OF "SWEATHOG" FIGURINES I DISCARDED IN 1979!
GRIFFY
THIS UNOPENED "SALISBURY STEAK" TV DINNER DATES BACK TO TH' MID-'60s!
& THIS COLLECTIBLE ELVIS BOTTLE MAKES ME REMEMBER WHERE I WAS WHEN TH' KING DIED! I ADDED 12 MORE GALLONS OF TACO SAUCE TO TH' HOT TUB IN HIS HONOR!
MOST STUFF IS BARELY DECAYED! SO MUCH FOR TH' "BIODEGRADABLE" CONCEPT.. WOW! A STACK OF POPULAR MECHANICS FROM TH' '50s!
MMMM!! THIS HICKORY-SMOKED BEEF JERKY HAS RETAINED ALL ITS ORIGINAL CHEWINESS!
DOES NOTHING FADE AWAY, ZIPPY? ARE WE TO BE SURROUNDED BY TH' DETRITUS OF RAMPANT CONSUMPTION ON INTO ETERNITY?
MY OLD PET ROCK!! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN!
NAUGA


UH-OH!! THEY'RE ARGUING!
I GET ITCHY WHEN THEY ARGUE.
MELTY, ARE WE IN TROUBLE?
NOT AS LONG AS THEY DON'T FIND OUT WE PUT MANGO CHUTNEY IN TH' LASER DISK PLAYER!
GRIFFY
WHY WOULD THEY CARE ABOUT THAT?
BECAUSE THEY TOLD US TO ONLY USE CRANBERRY SAUCE!
OH... ...RIGHT.


THE SUMMER OF 1956.. ...MAY'S DEPARTMENT STORE, LEVITTOWN, L.I.--
OKAY!! NO ONE'S LOOKIN'! QUICK! GRAB TH' WATCHES NOW!!
JEEZ!
DO IT!
BULOVA
SALE
I'D FALLEN IN WITH TH' NOTORIOUS O'DOYLE BROTHERS, A GANG OF SEMI-PROFESSIONAL SHOPLIFTERS...
THAT'S RIGHT! WE JUST RUN IN, SWIPE TH' TIPS OFF TH' TABLES, AND RUN OUT!!
JAHN'S ICE CREAM PARLOR
SHOULDN'T WE WEAR MASKS OR SOMETHING?
I WAS IN OVER MY HEAD.
PSYCHOLOGISTS SAY SHOPLIFTING IS TH' MANIFESTATION OF A SUBLIMATED NEED FOR LOVE & ATTENTION.
I WONDER IF MOM & DAD'LL VISIT ME IN SING-SING...
TH' COAST IS CLEAR! HEIST IT!
KOSHER MEATS
TWO-POUND PASTRAMI
THE WEIRD THING WAS, AT TH' END OF EACH DAY, WE'D BRING OUR TAKE TO MRS. O'DOYLE, WHO'D FENCE TH' STUFF & GIVE US A CUT.
TH' BULOVAS I CAN UNLOAD, BOYS, BUT NO MORE COLD CUTS, UNDERSTAND?
CLEARLY, THOSE PSYCHOLOGISTS WEREN'T FAR OFF TH' MARK..
MY CRISIS OF CONSCIENCE OCCURRED ONE SWELTERING DAY AT JONES BEACH...
BILLY! WHERE YOU GOIN'? THAT POCKETBOOK'S EASY PICKIN'S!!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE! I'M GOING HOME TO DRAW CARTOONS!!

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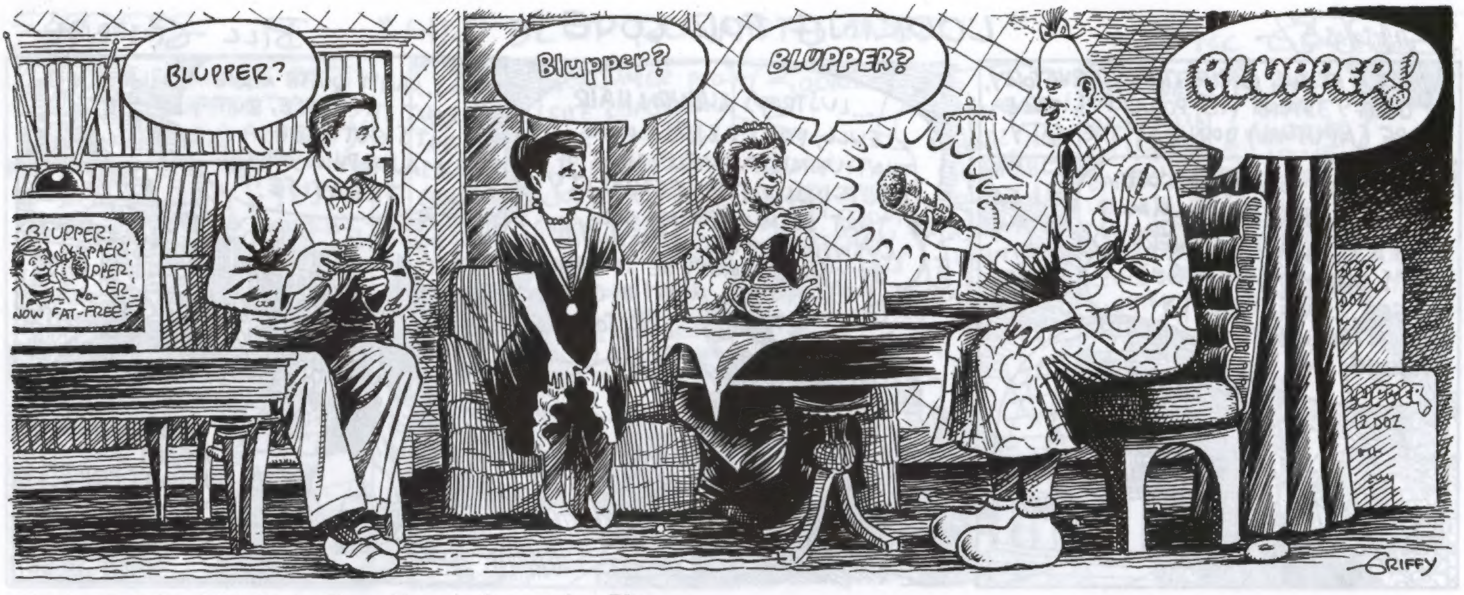
BLUPPER?
Blupper?
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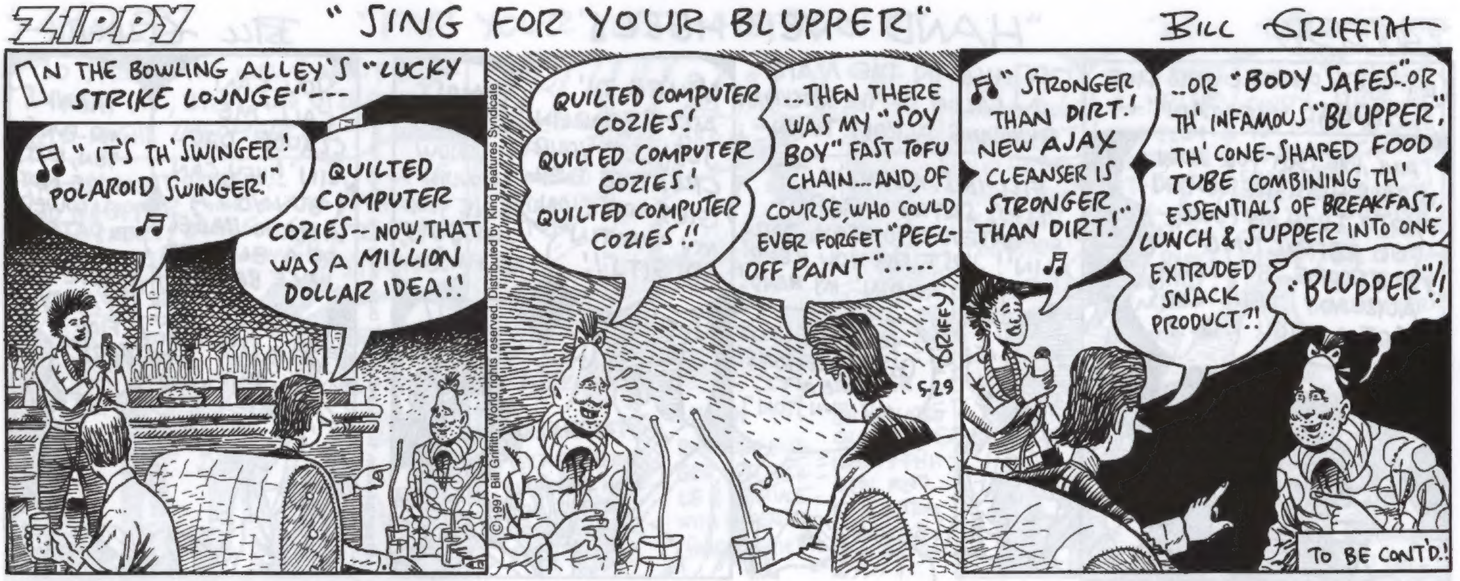
BLUPPER!
BLUPPER!
NOW FAT-FREE
12 DOZ
GRIFFY

Thanks and tip o' th' pin to Diane Noomin for naming Blupper.


ZIPPY
"SING FOR YOUR BLUPPER"
BILL GRIFFITH
IN THE BOWLING ALLEY'S "LUCKY STRIKE LOUNGE"---
♫ " IT'S TH' SWINGER! POLAROID SWINGER!" ♫
QUILTED COMPUTER COZIES-- NOW, THAT WAS A MILLION DOLLAR IDEA!!
QUILTED COMPUTER COZIES! QUILTED COMPUTER COZIES! QUILTED COMPUTER COZIES!!
...THEN THERE WAS MY "SOY BOY" FAST TOFU CHAIN...AND, OF COURSE, WHO COULD EVER FORGET "PEEL-OFF PAINT".....
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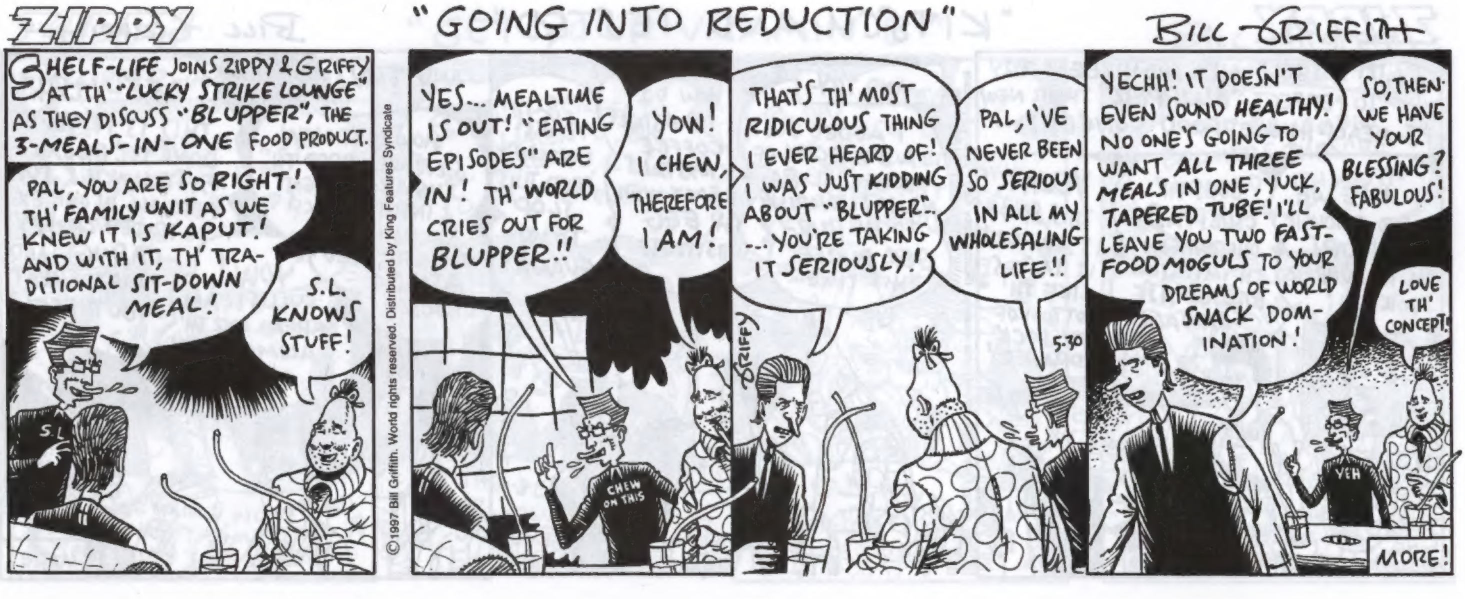
GRIFFY
5-29
♫ " STRONGER THAN DIRT! NEW AJAX CLEANSER IS STRONGER THAN DIRT!" ♫
..OR "BODY SAFES"..OR TH' INFAMOUS "BLUPPER", TH' CONE-SHAPED FOOD TUBE COMBINING TH' ESSENTIALS OF BREAKFAST, LUNCH & SUPPER INTO ONE EXTRUDED SNACK PRODUCT?!
"BLUPPER"!!
TO BE CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"GOING INTO REDUCTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE JOINS ZIPPY & GRIFFY AT TH' "LUCKY STRIKE LOUNGE" AS THEY DISCUSS "BLUPPER", THE 3-MEALS-IN-ONE FOOD PRODUCT.
PAL, YOU ARE SO RIGHT! TH' FAMILY UNIT AS WE KNEW IT IS KAPUT! AND WITH IT, TH' TRADITIONAL SIT-DOWN MEAL!
S.L. KNOWS STUFF!
S.L.
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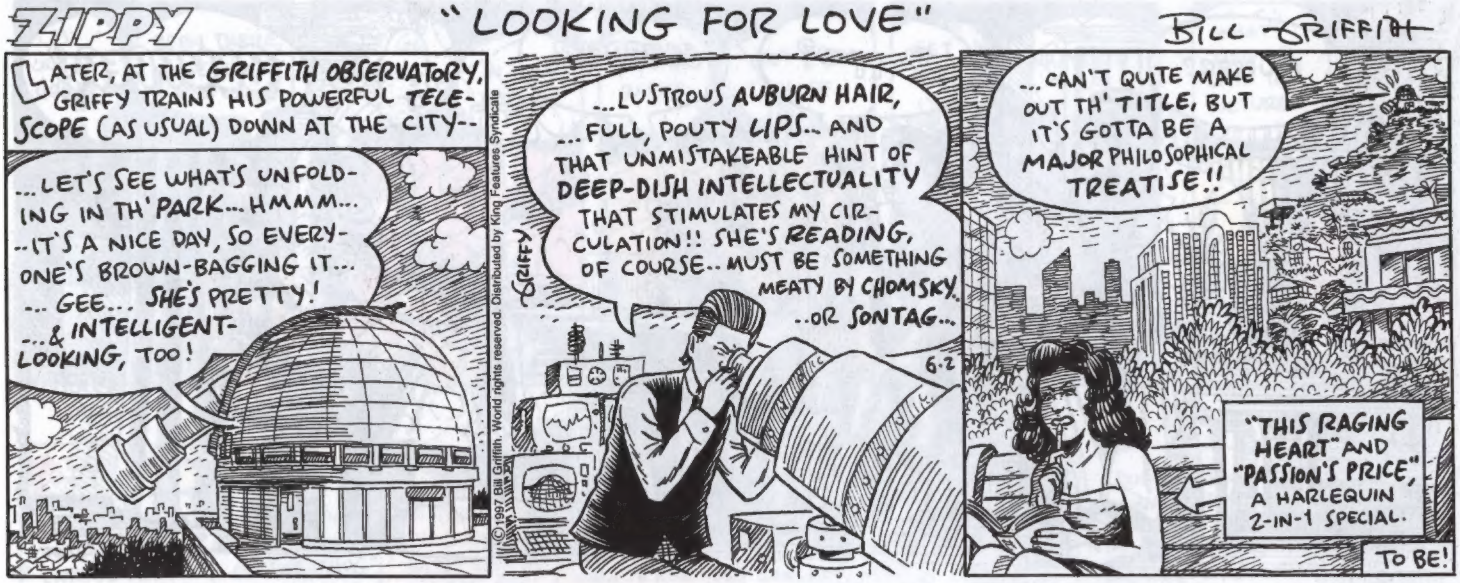
YES... MEALTIME IS OUT! "EATING EPISODES" ARE IN! TH' WORLD CRIES OUT FOR BLUPPER!!
YOW! I CHEW, THEREFORE I AM!
CHEW ON THIS
GRIFFY
THAT'S TH' MOST RIDICULOUS THING I EVER HEARD OF! I WAS JUST KIDDING ABOUT "BLUPPER"... ...YOU'RE TAKING IT SERIOUSLY!
PAL, I'VE NEVER BEEN SO SERIOUS IN ALL MY WHOLESALING LIFE!!
5-30
YECHH! IT DOESN'T EVEN SOUND HEALTHY! NO ONE'S GOING TO WANT ALL THREE MEALS IN ONE, YUCK, TAPERED TUBE! I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO FAST-FOOD MOGULS TO YOUR DREAMS OF WORLD SNACK DOMINATION!
SO, THEN WE HAVE YOUR BLESSING? FABULOUS!
LOVE TH' CONCEPT!
YEH
MORE!


ZIPPY
"LOOKING FOR LOVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
LATER, AT THE GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY, GRIFFY TRAINS HIS POWERFUL TELESCOPE (AS USUAL) DOWN AT THE CITY--
...LET'S SEE WHAT'S UNFOLDING IN TH' PARK... HMMM... --IT'S A NICE DAY, SO EVERYONE'S BROWN-BAGGING IT... ...GEE... SHE'S PRETTY! ...& INTELLIGENT-LOOKING, TOO!
...LUSTROUS AUBURN HAIR, ...FULL, POUTY LIPS... AND THAT UNMISTAKEABLE HINT OF DEEP-DISH INTELLECTUALITY THAT STIMULATES MY CIRCULATION!! SHE'S READING, OF COURSE.. MUST BE SOMETHING MEATY BY CHOMSKY, ...OR SONTAG...
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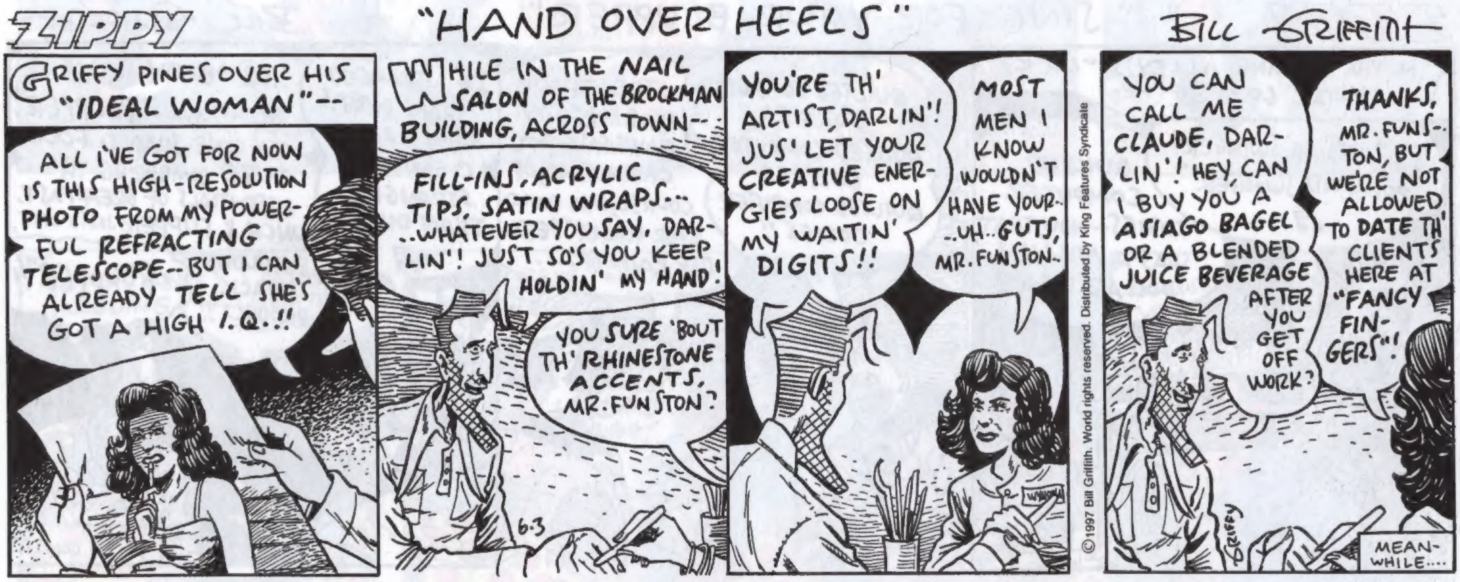
GRIFFY
6-2
...CAN'T QUITE MAKE OUT TH' TITLE, BUT IT'S GOTTA BE A MAJOR PHILOSOPHICAL TREATISE!!
"THIS RAGING HEART" AND "PASSION'S PRICE", A HARLEQUIN 2-IN-1 SPECIAL.
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"HAND OVER HEELS"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY PINES OVER HIS "IDEAL WOMAN"--
ALL I'VE GOT FOR NOW IS THIS HIGH-RESOLUTION PHOTO FROM MY POWERFUL REFRACTING TELESCOPE--BUT I CAN ALREADY TELL SHE'S GOT A HIGH I.Q.!!
WHILE IN THE NAIL SALON OF THE BROCKMAN BUILDING, ACROSS TOWN--
FILL-INS, ACRYLIC TIPS, SATIN WRAPS... ..WHATEVER YOU SAY, DARLIN'! JUST SO'S YOU KEEP HOLDIN' MY HAND!
YOU SURE 'BOUT TH' RHINESTONE ACCENTS, MR. FUNSTON?
6-3
YOU'RE TH' ARTIST, DARLIN'! JUS' LET YOUR CREATIVE ENERGIES LOOSE ON MY WAITIN' DIGITS!!
MOST MEN I KNOW WOULDN'T HAVE YOUR- ..UH.. GUTS, MR. FUNSTON..
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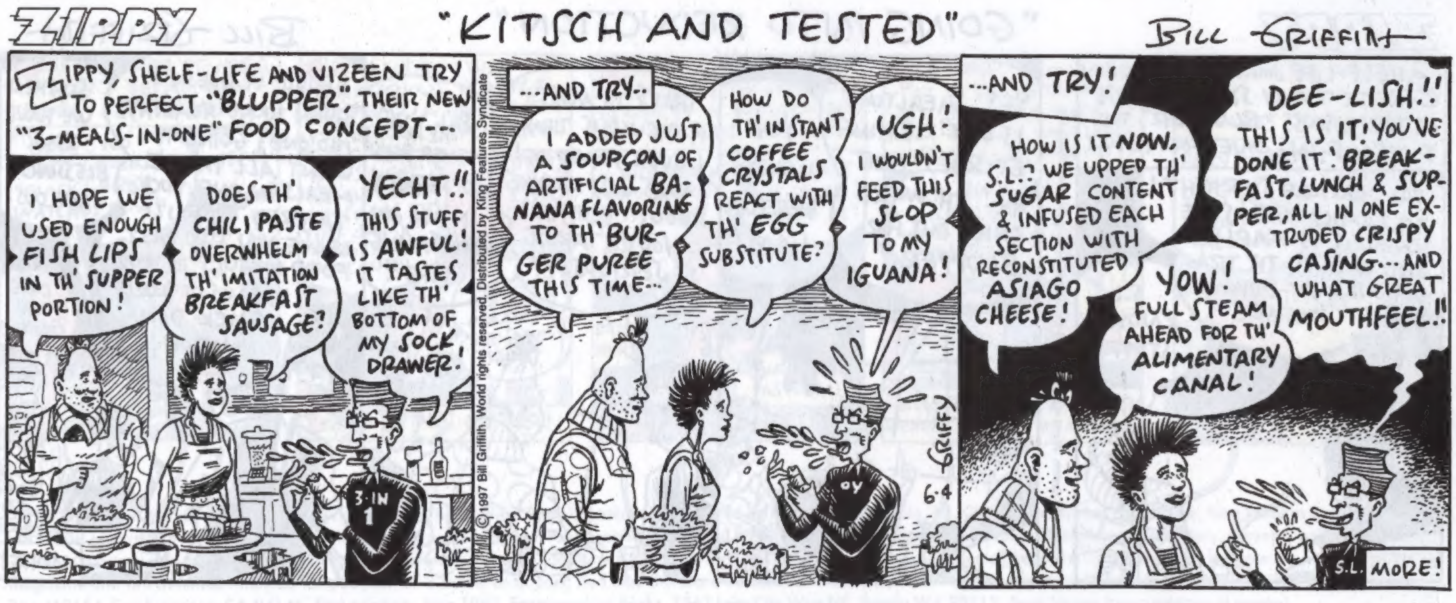
YOU CAN CALL ME CLAUDE, DARLIN'! HEY, CAN I BUY YOU A ASIAGO BAGEL OR A BLENDED JUICE BEVERAGE AFTER YOU GET OFF WORK?
THANKS, MR. FUNSTON, BUT WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DATE TH' CLIENTS HERE AT "FANCY FINGERS"!
GRIFFY
MEANWHILE....


ZIPPY
"KITSCH AND TESTED"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, SHELF-LIFE AND VIZEEN TRY TO PERFECT "BLUPPER", THEIR NEW "3-MEALS-IN-ONE" FOOD CONCEPT---
I HOPE WE USED ENOUGH FISH LIPS IN TH' SUPPER PORTION!
DOES TH' CHILI PASTE OVERWHELM TH' IMITATION BREAKFAST SAUSAGE?
YECHT!! THIS STUFF IS AWFUL! IT TASTES LIKE TH' BOTTOM OF MY SOCK DRAWER!
3-IN 1
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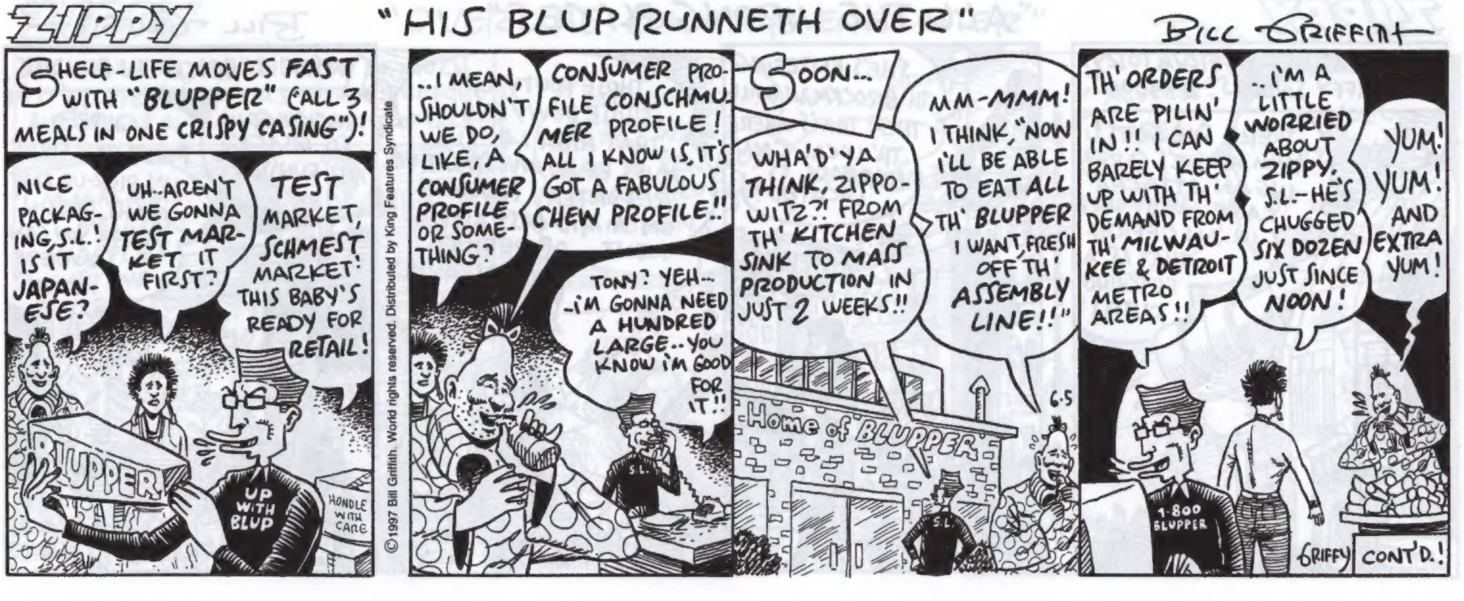
...AND TRY..
I ADDED JUST A SOUPÇON OF ARTIFICIAL BANANA FLAVORING TO TH' BURGER PUREE THIS TIME...
HOW DO TH' INSTANT COFFEE CRYSTALS REACT WITH TH' EGG SUBSTITUTE?
UGH! I WOULDN'T FEED THIS SLOP TO MY IGUANA!
OY
GRIFFY
6-4
...AND TRY!
HOW IS IT NOW, S.L.? WE UPPED TH' SUGAR CONTENT & INFUSED EACH SECTION WITH RECONSTITUTED ASIAGO CHEESE!
DEE-LISH!! THIS IS IT! YOU'VE DONE IT! BREAKFAST, LUNCH & SUPPER, ALL IN ONE EXTRUDED CRISPY CASING...AND WHAT GREAT MOUTHFEEL!!
YOW! FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR TH' ALIMENTARY CANAL!
S.L.
MORE!


ZIPPY
"HIS BLUP RUNNETH OVER"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE MOVES FAST WITH "BLUPPER" (ALL 3 MEALS IN ONE CRISPY CASING")!
NICE PACKAGING, S.L.! IS IT JAPANESE?
UH..AREN'T WE GONNA TEST MARKET IT FIRST?
TEST MARKET, SCHMEST MARKET! THIS BABY'S READY FOR RETAIL!
BLUPPER
UP WITH BLUP
HANDLE WITH CARE
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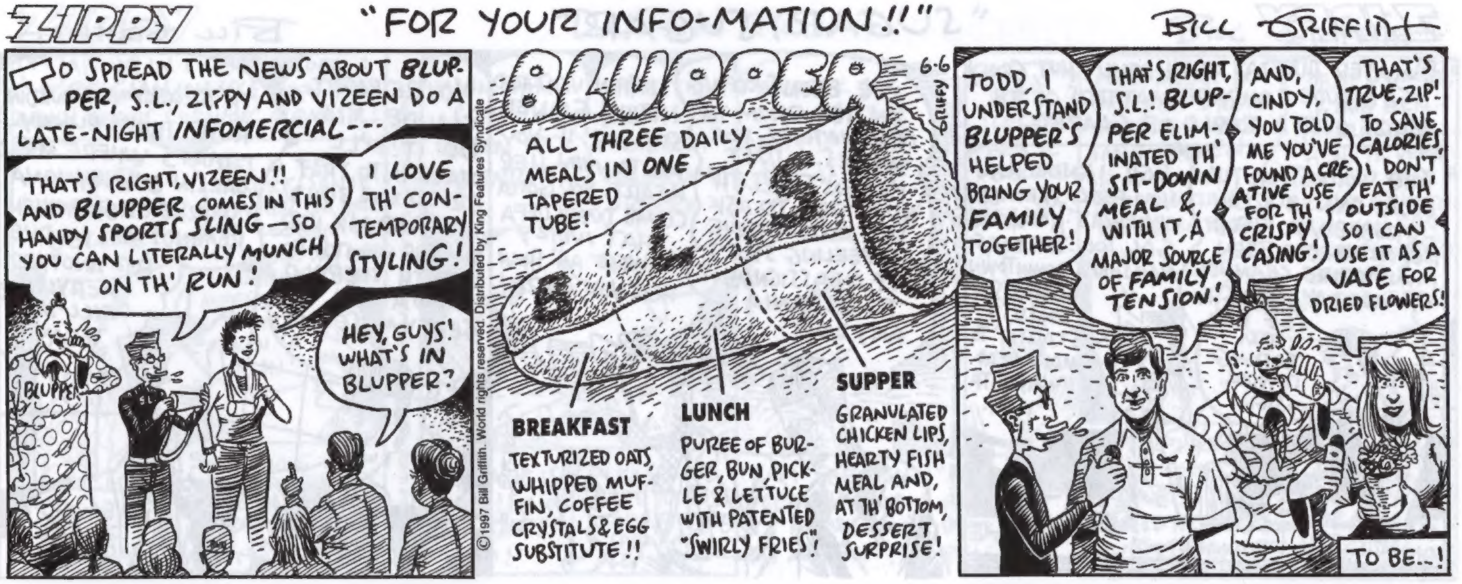
..I MEAN, SHOULDN'T WE DO, LIKE, A CONSUMER PROFILE OR SOMETHING?
CONSUMER PROFILE CONSCHMUMER PROFILE! ALL I KNOW IS, IT'S GOT A FABULOUS CHEW PROFILE!!
TONY? YEH.. ..I'M GONNA NEED A HUNDRED LARGE.. YOU KNOW I'M GOOD FOR IT!!
S.L.
SOON...
WHA'D'YA THINK, ZIPPOWITZ?! FROM TH' KITCHEN SINK TO MASS PRODUCTION IN JUST 2 WEEKS!!
MM-MMM! I THINK, "NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO EAT ALL TH' BLUPPER I WANT, FRESH OFF TH' ASSEMBLY LINE!!"
Home of BLUPPER
S.L.
6-5
TH' ORDERS ARE PILIN' IN!! I CAN BARELY KEEP UP WITH TH' DEMAND FROM TH' MILWAUKEE & DETROIT METRO AREAS!!
..I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT ZIPPY, S.L.–HE'S CHUGGED SIX DOZEN JUST SINCE NOON!
YUM! YUM! AND EXTRA YUM!
1-800 BLUPPER
GRIFFY
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"FOR YOUR INFO-MATION!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
TO SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT BLUPPER, S.L., ZIPPY AND VIZEEN DO A LATE-NIGHT INFOMERCIAL---
THAT'S RIGHT, VIZEEN!! AND BLUPPER COMES IN THIS HANDY SPORTS SLING—SO YOU CAN LITERALLY MUNCH ON TH' RUN!
I LOVE TH' CONTEMPORARY STYLING!
HEY, GUYS! WHAT'S IN BLUPPER?
BLUPPER
S.L.
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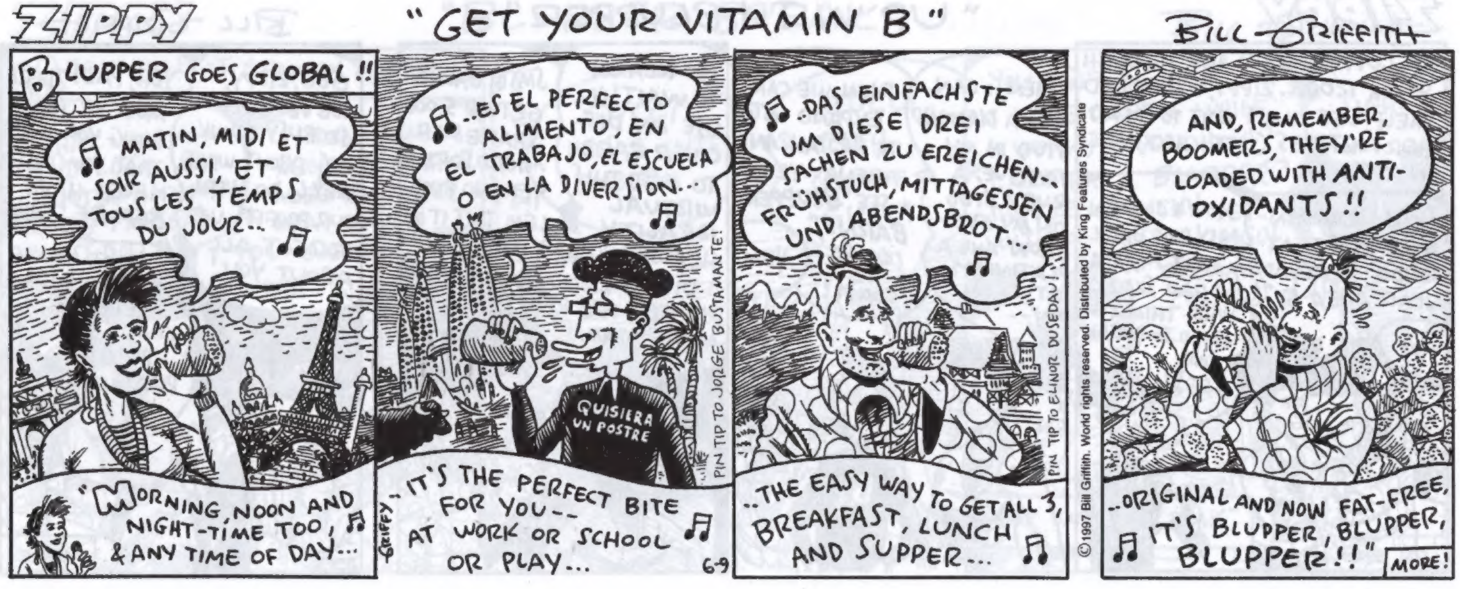
BLUPPER
6-6
GRIFFY
ALL THREE DAILY MEALS IN ONE TAPERED TUBE!
B L S
BREAKFAST TEXTURIZED OATS, WHIPPED MUFFIN, COFFEE CRYSTALS & EGG SUBSTITUTE!!
LUNCH PUREE OF BURGER, BUN, PICKLE & LETTUCE WITH PATENTED "SWIRLY FRIES"!
SUPPER GRANULATED CHICKEN LIPS, HEARTY FISH MEAL AND, AT TH' BOTTOM, DESSERT SURPRISE!
TODD, I UNDERSTAND BLUPPER'S HELPED BRING YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER!
THAT'S RIGHT, S.L.! BLUPPER ELIMINATED TH' SIT-DOWN MEAL & WITH IT, A MAJOR SOURCE OF FAMILY TENSION!
AND, CINDY, YOU TOLD ME YOU'VE FOUND A CREATIVE USE FOR TH' CRISPY CASING!
THAT'S TRUE, ZIP! TO SAVE CALORIES, I DON'T EAT TH' OUTSIDE SO I CAN USE IT AS A VASE FOR DRIED FLOWERS!
TO BE..!


ZIPPY
"GET YOUR VITAMIN B"
BILL GRIFFITH
BLUPPER GOES GLOBAL!!
♫ MATIN, MIDI ET SOIR AUSSI, ET TOUS LES TEMPS DU JOUR.. ♫
"MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT-TIME TOO, ♫ & ANY TIME OF DAY...
♫ ..ES EL PERFECTO ALIMENTO, EN EL TRABAJO, EL ESCUELA O EN LA DIVERSION.. ♫
QUISIERA UN POSTRE
PIN TIP TO JORGE BUSTAMANTE!
GRIFFY
..IT'S THE PERFECT BITE FOR YOU-- AT WORK OR SCHOOL ♫ OR PLAY...
6-9
♫ ..DAS EINFACHSTE UM DIESE DREI SACHEN ZU ERREICHEN.. FRÜHSTUCH, MITTAGESSEN UND ABENDSBROT... ♫
PIN TIP TO ELINOR DUSEDAU!
..THE EASY WAY TO GET ALL 3, BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND SUPPER... ♫
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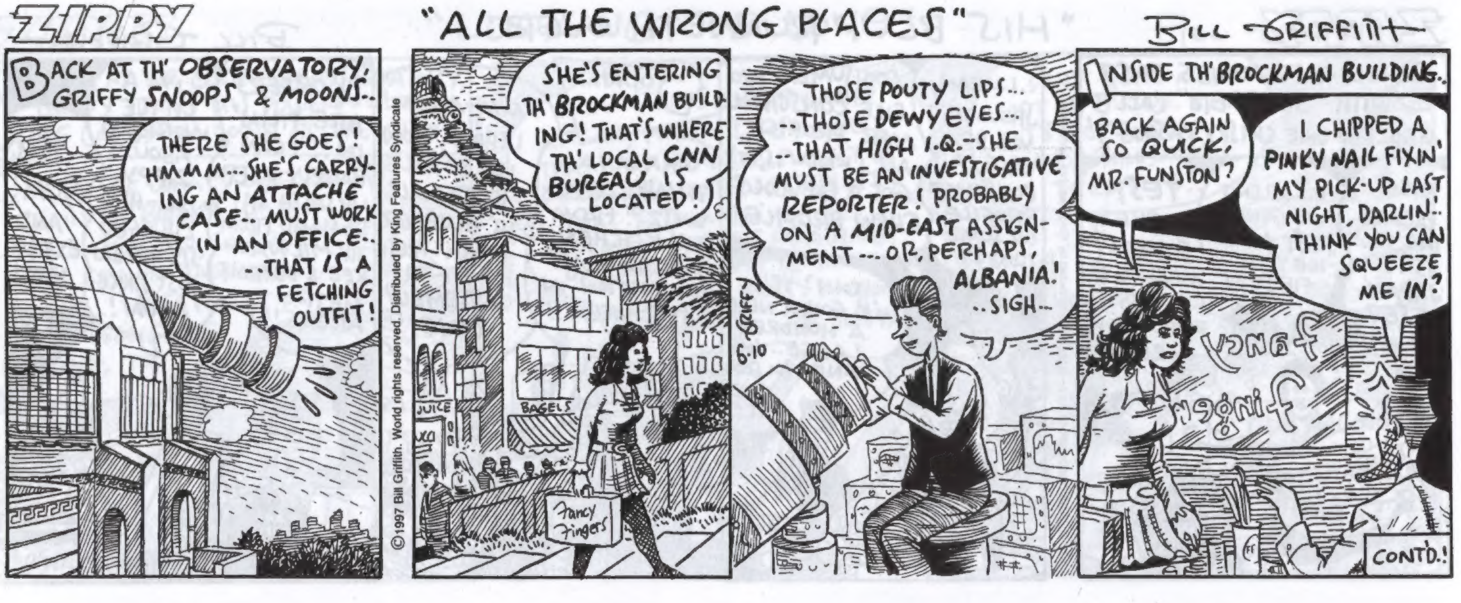
AND, REMEMBER, BOOMERS, THEY'RE LOADED WITH ANTI-OXIDANTS!!
..ORIGINAL AND NOW FAT-FREE, ♫ IT'S BLUPPER, BLUPPER, BLUPPER!!"
MORE!


ZIPPY
"ALL THE WRONG PLACES"
BILL GRIFFITH
BACK AT TH' OBSERVATORY, GRIFFY SNOOPS & MOONS..
THERE SHE GOES! HMMM... SHE'S CARRYING AN ATTACHÉ CASE.. MUST WORK IN AN OFFICE.. ..THAT IS A FETCHING OUTFIT!
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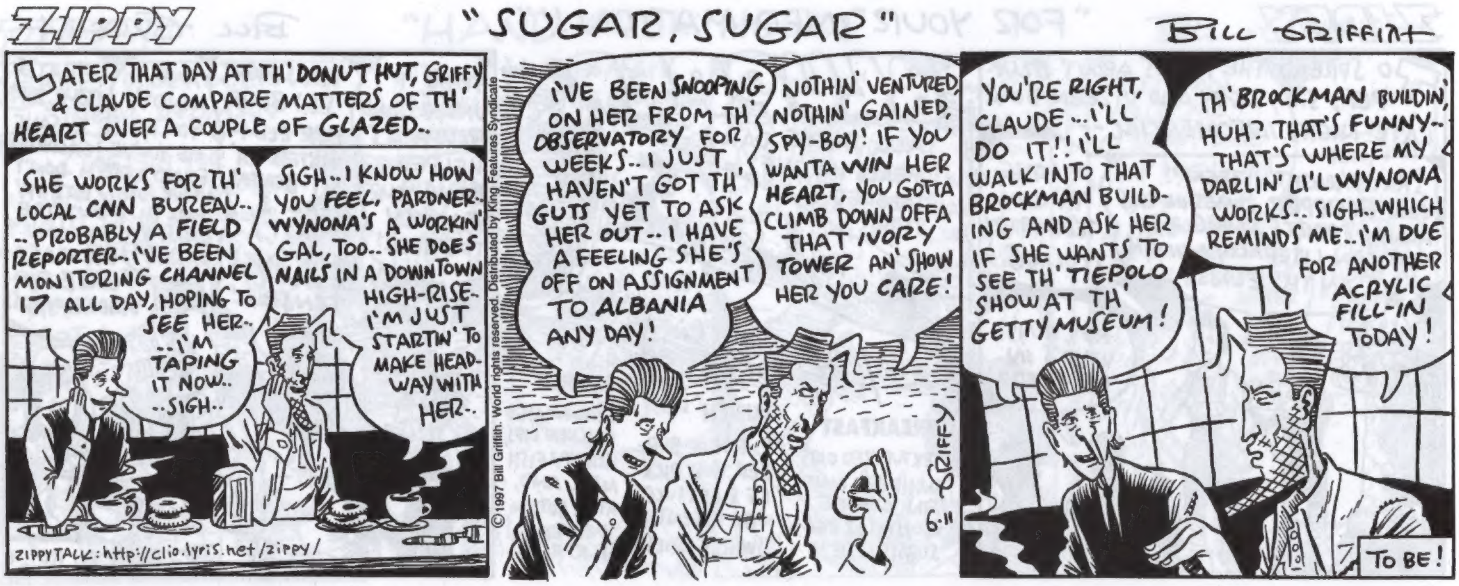
SHE'S ENTERING TH' BROCKMAN BUILDING! THAT'S WHERE TH' LOCAL CNN BUREAU IS LOCATED!
JUICE
BAGELS
Fancy Fingers
THOSE POUTY LIPS... ..THOSE DEWY EYES... ..THAT HIGH I.Q.--SHE MUST BE AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER! PROBABLY ON A MID-EAST ASSIGNMENT --- OR, PERHAPS, ALBANIA! ..SIGH..
GRIFFY 6-10
INSIDE TH' BROCKMAN BUILDING..
BACK AGAIN SO QUICK, MR. FUNSTON?
I CHIPPED A PINKY NAIL FIXIN' MY PICK-UP LAST NIGHT, DARLIN'.. THINK YOU CAN SQUEEZE ME IN?
fancy fingers
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"SUGAR, SUGAR"
BILL GRIFFITH
LATER THAT DAY AT TH' DONUT HUT, GRIFFY & CLAUDE COMPARE MATTERS OF TH' HEART OVER A COUPLE OF GLAZED..
SHE WORKS FOR TH' LOCAL CNN BUREAU.. ..PROBABLY A FIELD REPORTER.. I'VE BEEN MONITORING CHANNEL 17 ALL DAY, HOPING TO SEE HER.. ..I'M TAPING IT NOW.. ..SIGH..
SIGH.. I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, PARDNER.. WYNONA'S A WORKIN' GAL, TOO.. SHE DOES NAILS IN A DOWNTOWN HIGH-RISE.. I'M JUST STARTIN' TO MAKE HEADWAY WITH HER..
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I'VE BEEN SNOOPING ON HER FROM TH' OBSERVATORY FOR WEEKS.. I JUST HAVEN'T GOT TH' GUTS YET TO ASK HER OUT.. I HAVE A FEELING SHE'S OFF ON ASSIGNMENT TO ALBANIA ANY DAY!
NOTHIN' VENTURED, NOTHIN' GAINED, SPY-BOY! IF YOU WANTA WIN HER HEART, YOU GOTTA CLIMB DOWN OFFA THAT IVORY TOWER AN' SHOW HER YOU CARE!
GRIFFY 6-11
YOU'RE RIGHT, CLAUDE... I'LL DO IT!! I'LL WALK INTO THAT BROCKMAN BUILDING AND ASK HER IF SHE WANTS TO SEE TH' TIEPOLO SHOW AT TH' GETTY MUSEUM!
TH' BROCKMAN BUILDIN', HUH? THAT'S FUNNY.. THAT'S WHERE MY DARLIN' LI'L WYNONA WORKS.. SIGH.. WHICH REMINDS ME.. I'M DUE FOR ANOTHER ACRYLIC FILL-IN TODAY!
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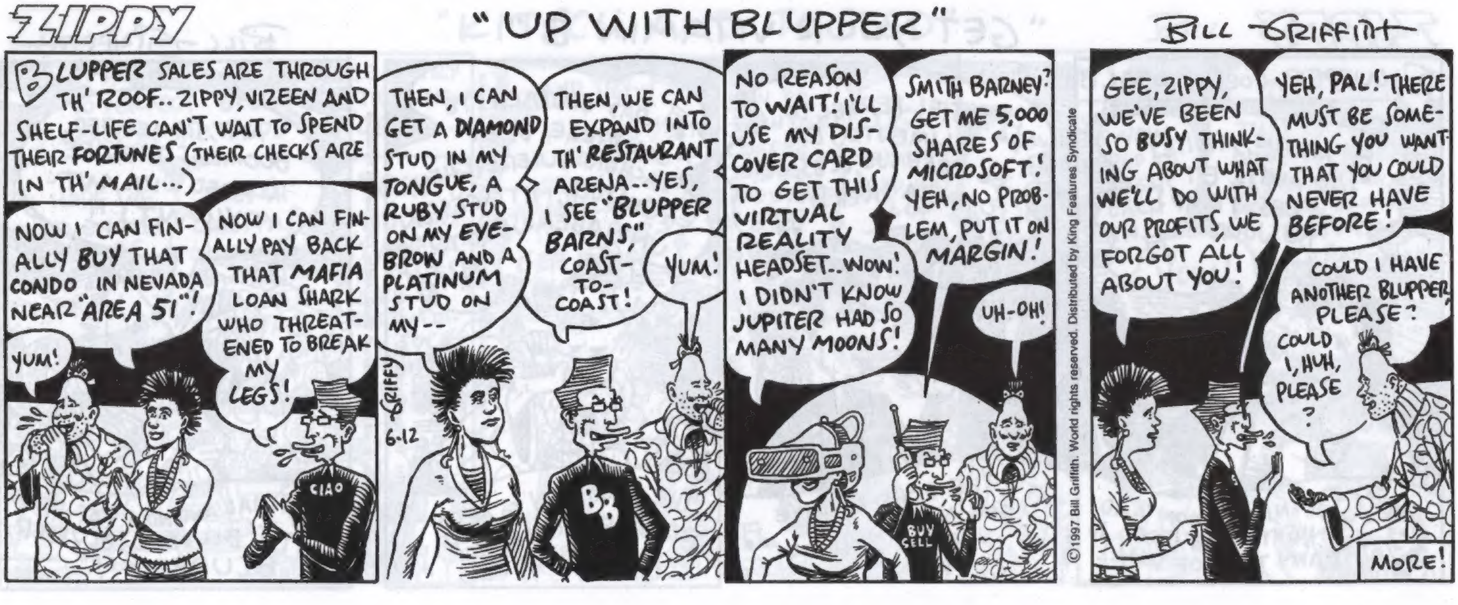
ZIPPY
"UP WITH BLUPPER"
BILL GRIFFITH
BLUPPER SALES ARE THROUGH TH' ROOF.. ZIPPY, VIZEEN AND SHELF-LIFE CAN'T WAIT TO SPEND THEIR FORTUNES (THEIR CHECKS ARE IN TH' MAIL...)
NOW I CAN FINALLY BUY THAT CONDO IN NEVADA NEAR "AREA 51"!
NOW I CAN FINALLY PAY BACK THAT MAFIA LOAN SHARK WHO THREATENED TO BREAK MY LEGS!
YUM!
CIAO
GRIFFY 6-12
THEN, I CAN GET A DIAMOND STUD IN MY TONGUE, A RUBY STUD ON MY EYEBROW AND A PLATINUM STUD ON MY--
THEN, WE CAN EXPAND INTO TH' RESTAURANT ARENA.. YES, I SEE "BLUPPER BARNS," COAST-TO-COAST!
YUM!
BB
NO REASON TO WAIT! I'LL USE MY DISCOVER CARD TO GET THIS VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSET.. WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW JUPITER HAD SO MANY MOONS!
SMITH BARNEY? GET ME 5,000 SHARES OF MICROSOFT! YEH, NO PROBLEM, PUT IT ON MARGIN!
UH-OH!
BUY SELL
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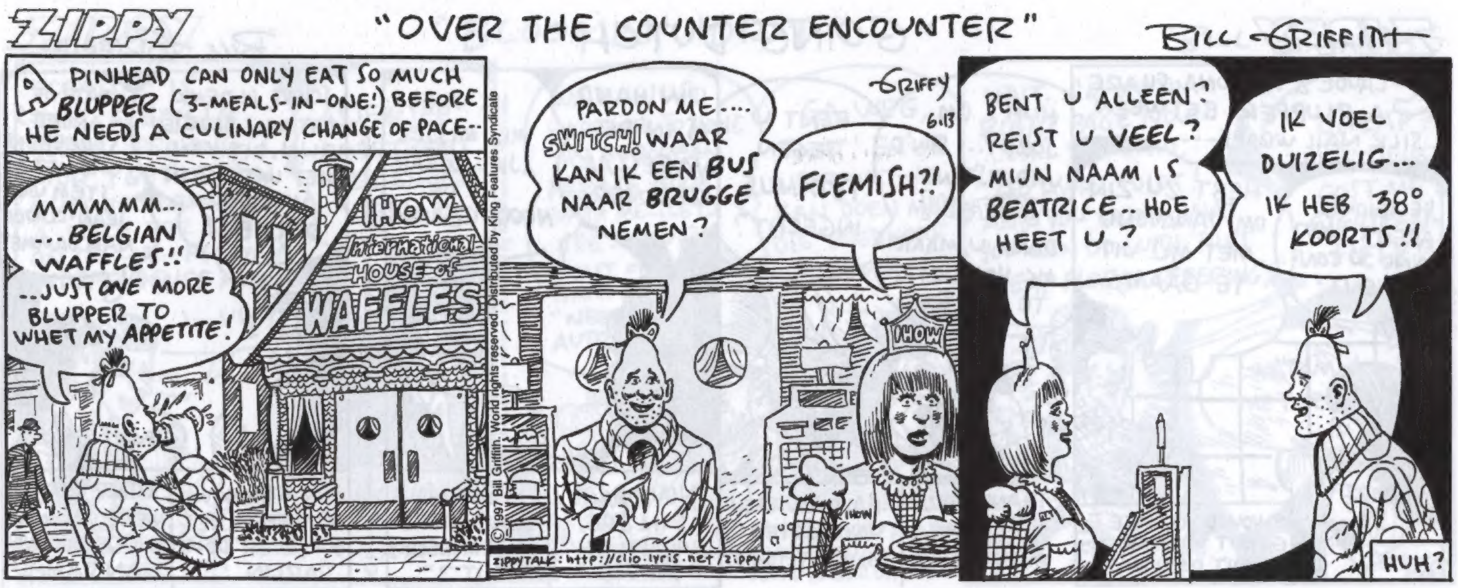
GEE, ZIPPY, WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE'LL DO WITH OUR PROFITS, WE FORGOT ALL ABOUT YOU!
YEH, PAL! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU WANT THAT YOU COULD NEVER HAVE BEFORE!
COULD I HAVE ANOTHER BLUPPER, PLEASE?
COULD I, HUH, PLEASE?
MORE!


ZIPPY
"OVER THE COUNTER ENCOUNTER"
BILL GRIFFITH
A PINHEAD CAN ONLY EAT SO MUCH BLUPPER (3-MEALS-IN-ONE!) BEFORE HE NEEDS A CULINARY CHANGE OF PACE--
MMMMM... ...BELGIAN WAFFLES!! ..JUST ONE MORE BLUPPER TO WHET MY APPETITE!
IHOW International HOUSE of WAFFLES
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PARDON ME.... SWITCH! WAAR KAN IK EEN BUS NAAR BRUGGE NEMEN?
GRIFFY 6-13
FLEMISH?!
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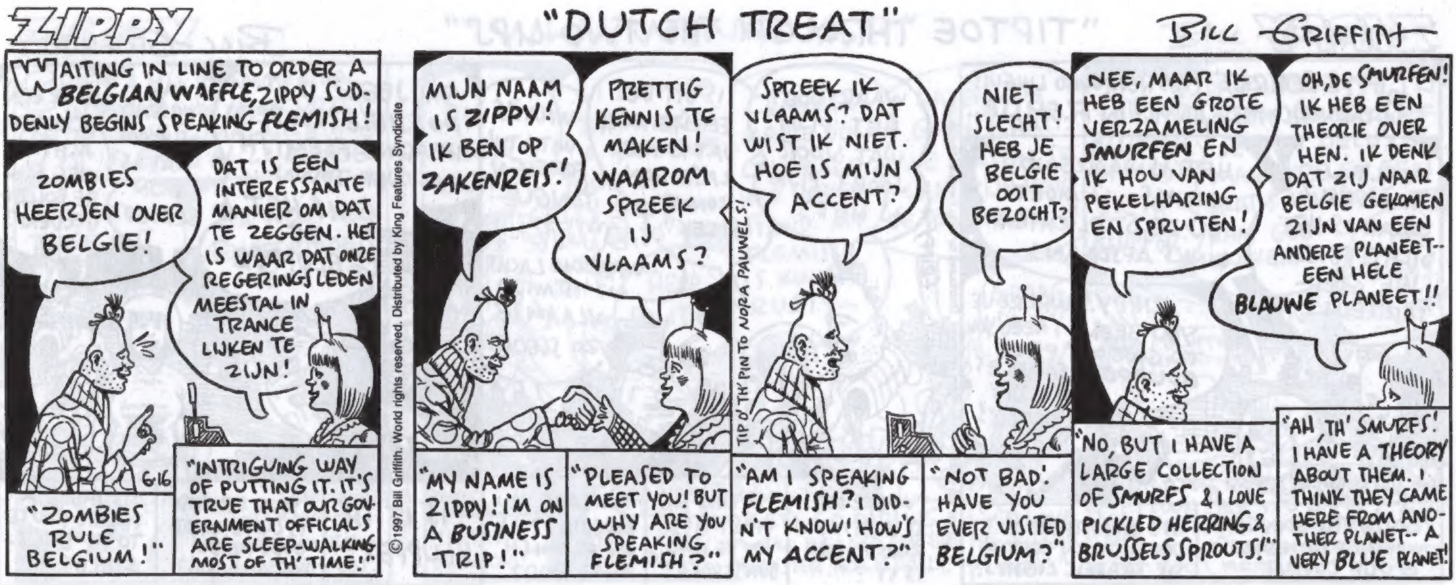
ZIPPYTALK: http://clio.lyris.net/zippy/
BENT U ALLEEN? REIST U VEEL? MIJN NAAM IS BEATRICE.. HOE HEET U?
IK VOEL DUIZELIG... IK HEB 38° KOORTS!!
HUH?


ZIPPY
"DUTCH TREAT"
BILL GRIFFITH
WAITING IN LINE TO ORDER A BELGIAN WAFFLE, ZIPPY SUDDENLY BEGINS SPEAKING FLEMISH!
ZOMBIES HEERSEN OVER BELGIE!
DAT IS EEN INTERESSANTE MANIER OM DAT TE ZEGGEN. HET IS WAAR DAT ONZE REGERINGSLEDEN MEESTAL IN TRANCE LIJKEN TE ZIJN!
6-16
"ZOMBIES RULE BELGIUM!"
"INTRIGUING WAY OF PUTTING IT. IT'S TRUE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE SLEEP-WALKING MOST OF TH' TIME!"
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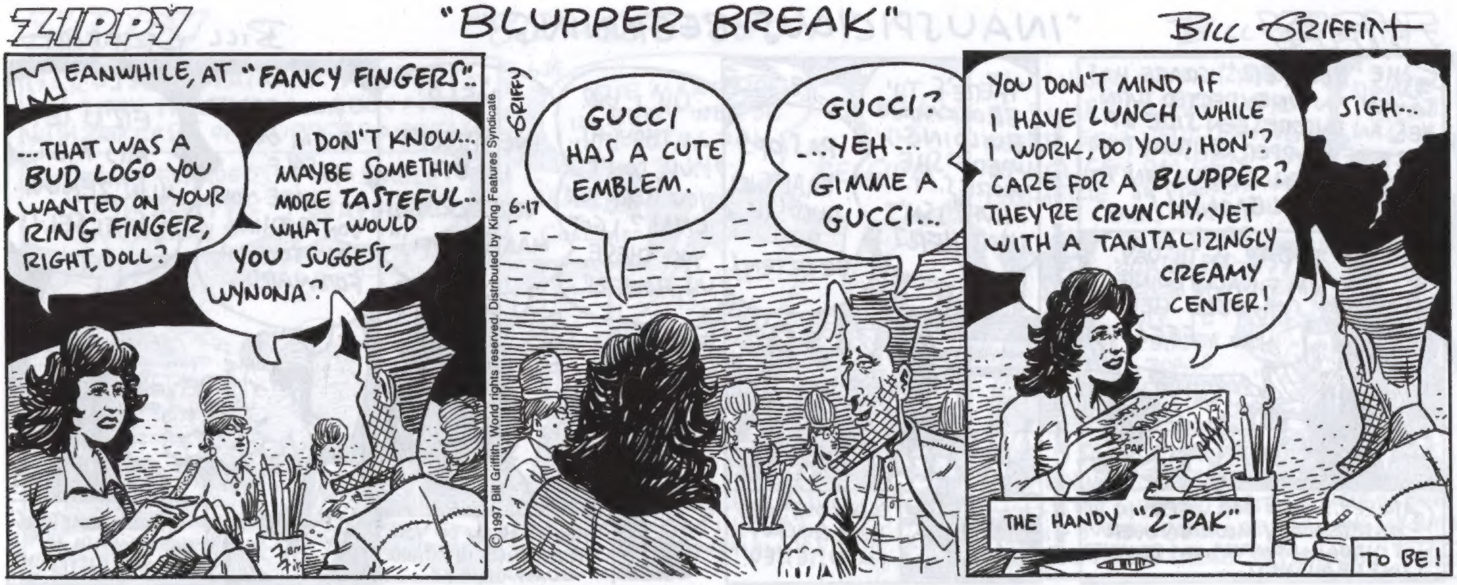
MIJN NAAM IS ZIPPY! IK BEN OP ZAKENREIS!
PRETTIG KENNIS TE MAKEN! WAAROM SPREEK IJ VLAAMS?
"MY NAME IS ZIPPY! I'M ON A BUSINESS TRIP!"
"PLEASED TO MEET YOU! BUT WHY ARE YOU SPEAKING FLEMISH?"
TIP O' TH' PIN TO NORA PAUWELS!
SPREEK IK VLAAMS? DAT WIST IK NIET. HOE IS MIJN ACCENT?
NIET SLECHT! HEB JE BELGIE OOIT BEZOCHT?
"AM I SPEAKING FLEMISH? I DIDN'T KNOW! HOW'S MY ACCENT?"
"NOT BAD! HAVE YOU EVER VISITED BELGIUM?"
NEE, MAAR IK HEB EEN GROTE VERZAMELING SMURFEN EN IK HOU VAN PEKELHARING EN SPRUITEN!
OH, DE SMURFEN! IK HEB EEN THEORIE OVER HEN. IK DENK DAT ZIJ NAAR BELGIE GEKOMEN ZIJN VAN EEN ANDERE PLANEET-- EEN HELE BLAUWE PLANEET!!
"NO, BUT I HAVE A LARGE COLLECTION OF SMURFS & I LOVE PICKLED HERRING & BRUSSELS SPROUTS!"
"AH, TH' SMURFS! I HAVE A THEORY ABOUT THEM. I THINK THEY CAME HERE FROM ANOTHER PLANET-- A VERY BLUE PLANET!"


ZIPPY
"BLUPPER BREAK"
BILL GRIFFITH
MEANWHILE, AT "FANCY FINGERS"..
...THAT WAS A BUD LOGO YOU WANTED ON YOUR RING FINGER, RIGHT, DOLL?
I DON'T KNOW... MAYBE SOMETHIN' MORE TASTEFUL.. WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST, WYNONA?
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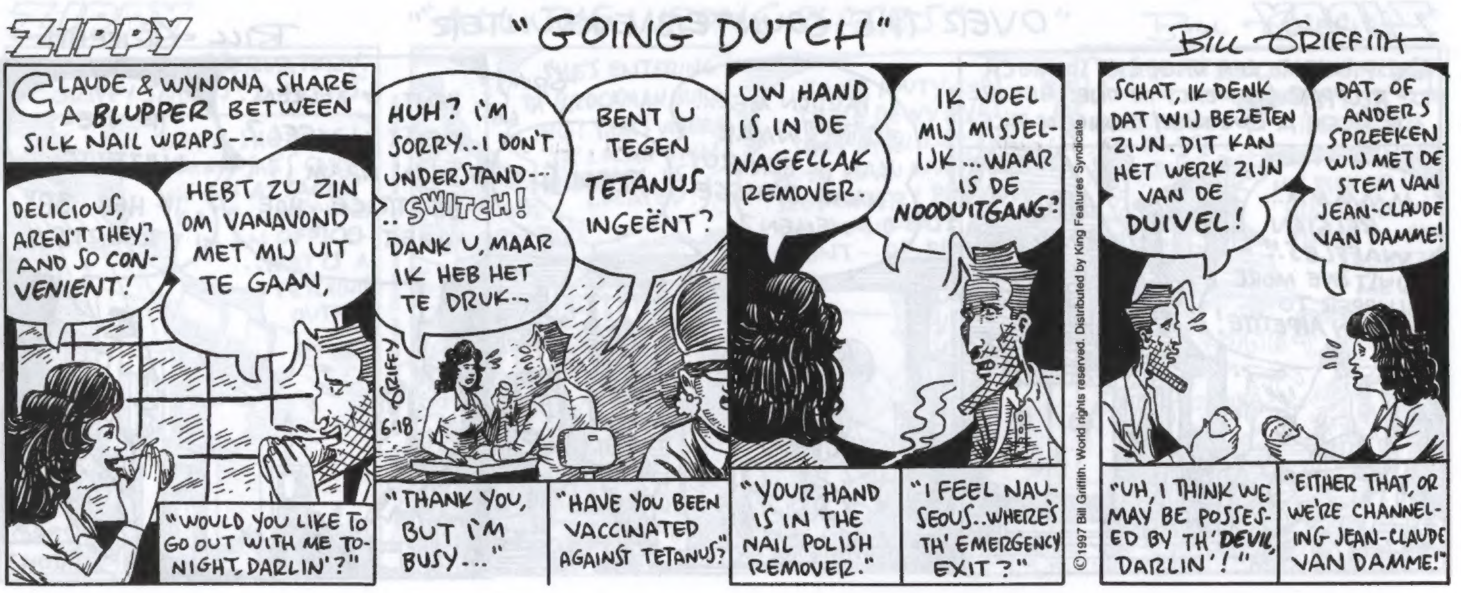
GRIFFY 6-17
GUCCI HAS A CUTE EMBLEM.
GUCCI? ...YEH... GIMME A GUCCI...
YOU DON'T MIND IF I HAVE LUNCH WHILE I WORK, DO YOU, HON'? CARE FOR A BLUPPER? THEY'RE CRUNCHY, YET WITH A TANTALIZINGLY CREAMY CENTER!
SIGH...
2-PAK BLUPPER
THE HANDY "2-PAK"
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"GOING DUTCH"
BILL GRIFFITH
CLAUDE & WYNONA SHARE A BLUPPER BETWEEN SILK NAIL WRAPS---
DELICIOUS, AREN'T THEY? AND SO CONVENIENT!
HEBT ZU ZIN OM VANAVOND MET MIJ UIT TE GAAN,
"WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO OUT WITH ME TONIGHT, DARLIN'?"
HUH? I'M SORRY.. I DON'T UNDERSTAND--- .. SWITCH! DANK U, MAAR IK HEB HET TE DRUK..
BENT U TEGEN TETANUS INGEËNT?
GRIFFY 6-18
"THANK YOU, BUT I'M BUSY..."
"HAVE YOU BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST TETANUS?
UW HAND IS IN DE NAGELLAK REMOVER.
IK VOEL MIJ MISSELIJK ... WAAR IS DE NOODUITGANG?
"YOUR HAND IS IN THE NAIL POLISH REMOVER."
"I FEEL NAUSEOUS.. WHERE'S TH' EMERGENCY EXIT ?"
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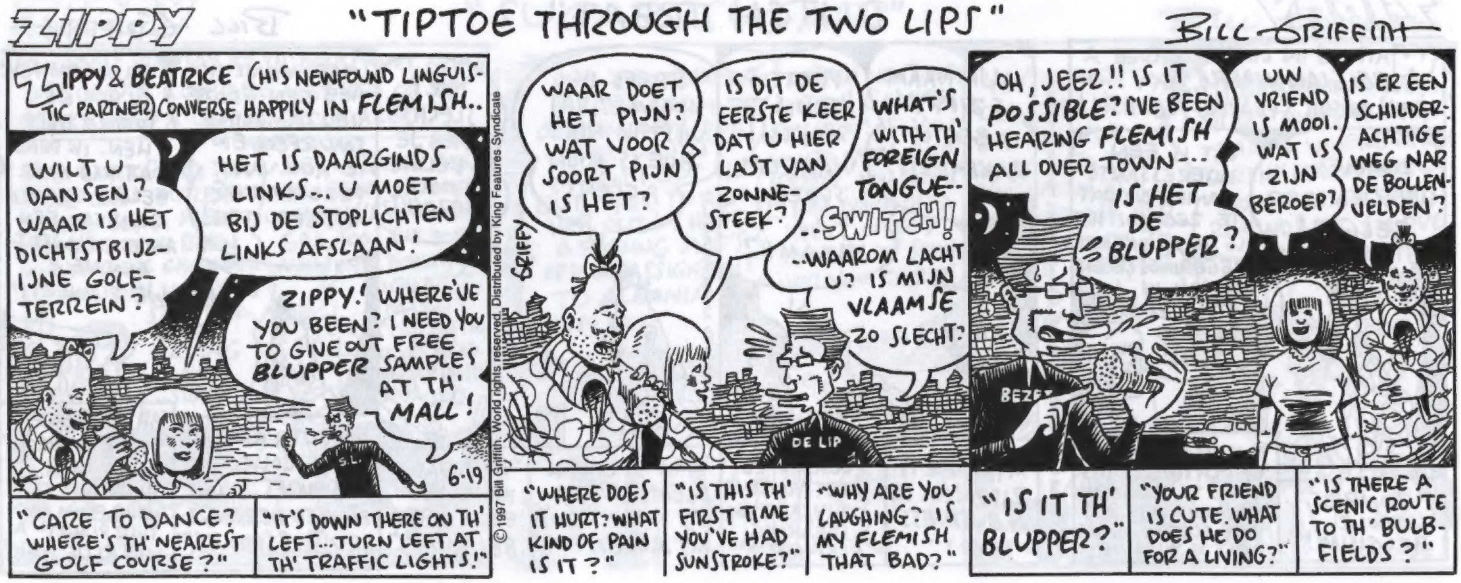
SCHAT, IK DENK DAT WIJ BEZETEN ZIJN. DIT KAN HET WERK ZIJN VAN DE DUIVEL!
DAT, OF ANDERS SPREEKEN WIJ MET DE STEM VAN JEAN-CLAUDE VAN DAMME!
"UH, I THINK WE MAY BE POSSESED BY TH' DEVIL, DARLIN'!"
"EITHER THAT, OR WE'RE CHANNELING JEAN-CLAUDE VAN DAMME!"


ZIPPY
"TIPTOE THROUGH THE TWO LIPS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & BEATRICE (HIS NEWFOUND LINGUISTIC PARTNER) CONVERSE HAPPILY IN FLEMISH..
WILT U DANSEN? WAAR IS HET DICHTSTBIJZIJNE GOLFTERREIN?
HET IS DAARGINDS LINKS... U MOET BIJ DE STOPLICHTEN LINKS AFSLAAN!
ZIPPY! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? I NEED YOU TO GIVE OUT FREE BLUPPER SAMPLES AT TH' MALL!
S.L.
6-19
"CARE TO DANCE? WHERE'S TH' NEAREST GOLF COURSE?"
"IT'S DOWN THERE ON TH' LEFT... TURN LEFT AT TH' TRAFFIC LIGHTS!"
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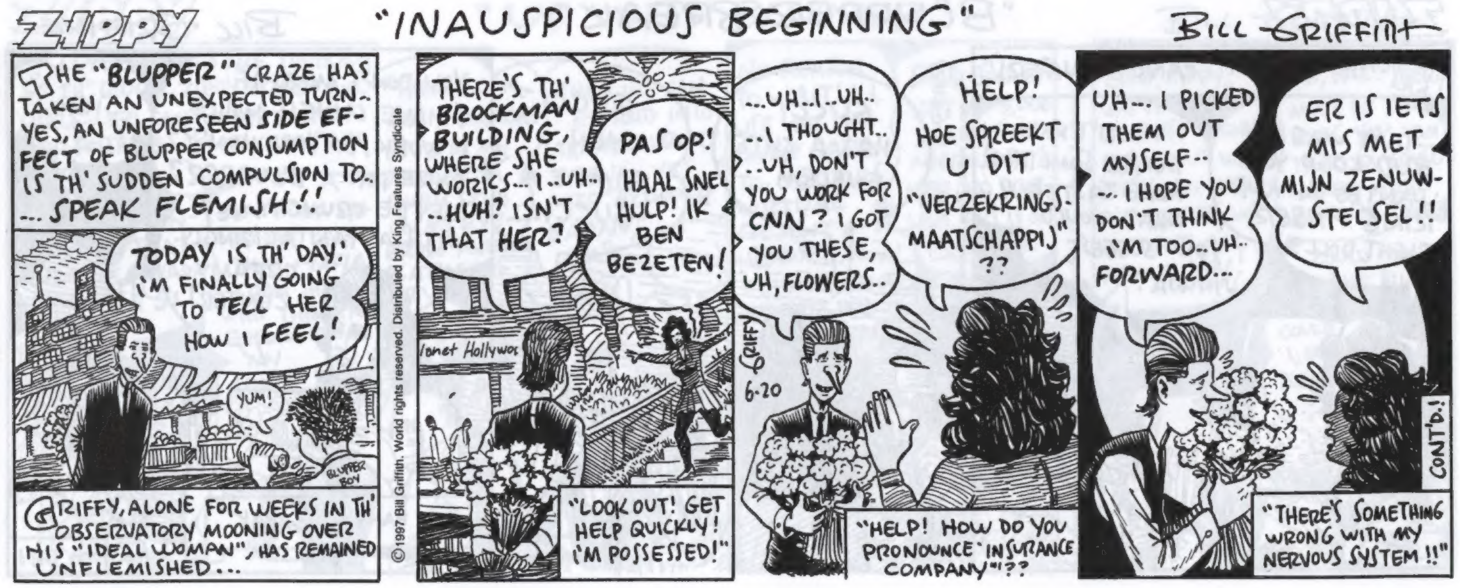
WAAR DOET HET PIJN? WAT VOOR SOORT PIJN IS HET?
IS DIT DE EERSTE KEER DAT U HIER LAST VAN ZONNESTEEK?
WHAT'S WITH TH' FOREIGN TONGUE- ..SWITCH! ..WAAROM LACHT U? IS MIJN VLAAMSE ZO SLECHT?
GRIFFY
DE LIP
"WHERE DOES IT HURT? WHAT KIND OF PAIN IS IT?"
"IS THIS TH' FIRST TIME YOU'VE HAD SUNSTROKE?"
"WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING? IS MY FLEMISH THAT BAD?"
OH, JEEZ!! IS IT POSSIBLE? I'VE BEEN HEARING FLEMISH ALL OVER TOWN--- IS HET DE BLUPPER?
BEZET
UW VRIEND IS MOOI. WAT IS ZIJN BEROEP?
IS ER EEN SCHILDERACHTIGE WEG NAR DE BOLLENVELDEN?
"IS IT TH' BLUPPER?"
"YOUR FRIEND IS CUTE. WHAT DOES HE DO FOR A LIVING?"
"IS THERE A SCENIC ROUTE TO TH' BULBFIELDS?"


ZIPPY
"INAUSPICIOUS BEGINNING"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE "BLUPPER" CRAZE HAS TAKEN AN UNEXPECTED TURN- YES, AN UNFORESEEN SIDE EFFECT OF BLUPPER CONSUMPTION IS TH' SUDDEN COMPULSION TO.. ... SPEAK FLEMISH!!
TODAY IS TH' DAY! I'M FINALLY GOING TO TELL HER HOW I FEEL!
YUM!
BLUPPER BOY
GRIFFY, ALONE FOR WEEKS IN TH' OBSERVATORY MOONING OVER HIS "IDEAL WOMAN", HAS REMAINED UNFLEMISHED...
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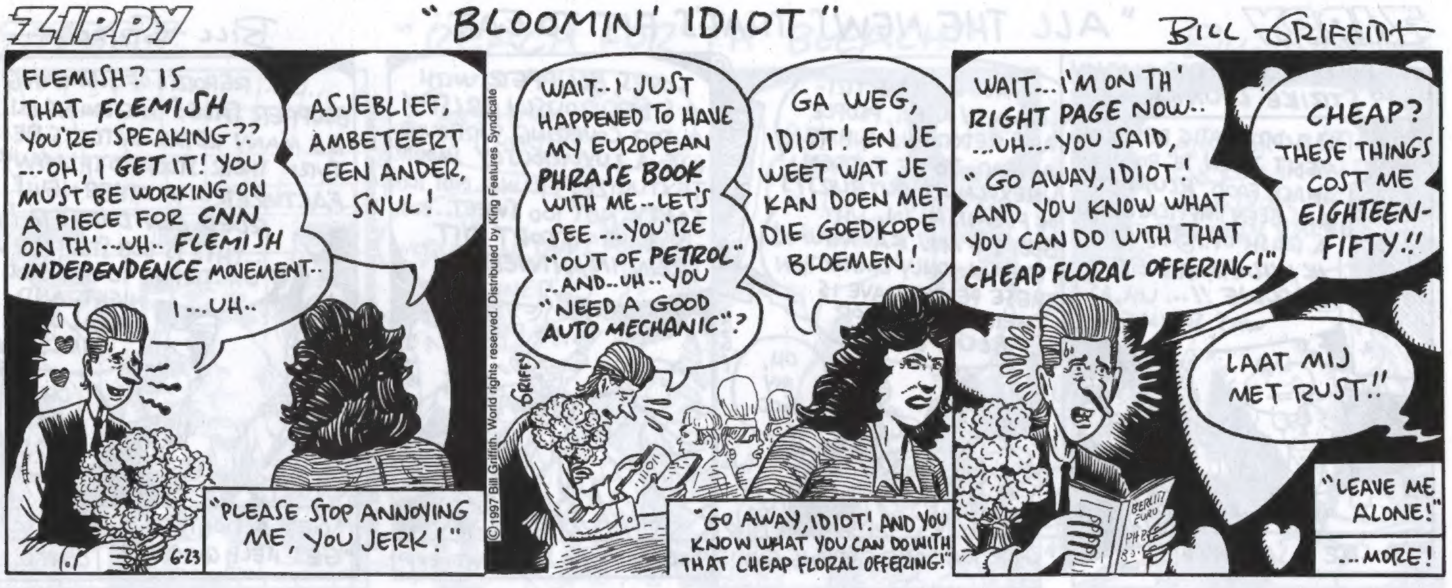
THERE'S TH' BROCKMAN BUILDING, WHERE SHE WORKS... I ..UH.. ..HUH? ISN'T THAT HER?
PAS OP! HAAL SNEL HULP! IK BEN BEZETEN!
lanet Hollywo
"LOOK OUT! GET HELP QUICKLY! I'M POSSESSED!"
...UH..I..UH.. ..I THOUGHT.. ..UH, DON'T YOU WORK FOR CNN? I GOT YOU THESE, UH, FLOWERS..
HELP! HOE SPREEKT U DIT "VERZEKRINGSMAATSCHAPPIJ" ??
GRIFFY 6-20
"HELP! HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE 'INSURANCE COMPANY'"??
UH... I PICKED THEM OUT MYSELF-- ... I HOPE YOU DON'T THINK I'M TOO..UH.. FORWARD...
ER IS IETS MIS MET MIJN ZENUWSTELSEL!!
CONT'D.!
"THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY NERVOUS SYSTEM!!"


ZIPPY
"BLOOMIN' IDIOT"
BILL GRIFFITH
FLEMISH? IS THAT FLEMISH YOU'RE SPEAKING?? ...OH, I GET IT! YOU MUST BE WORKING ON A PIECE FOR CNN ON TH'...UH.. FLEMISH INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.. I...UH..
ASJEBLIEF, AMBETEERT EEN ANDER, SNUL!
"PLEASE STOP ANNOYING ME, YOU JERK!"
6-23
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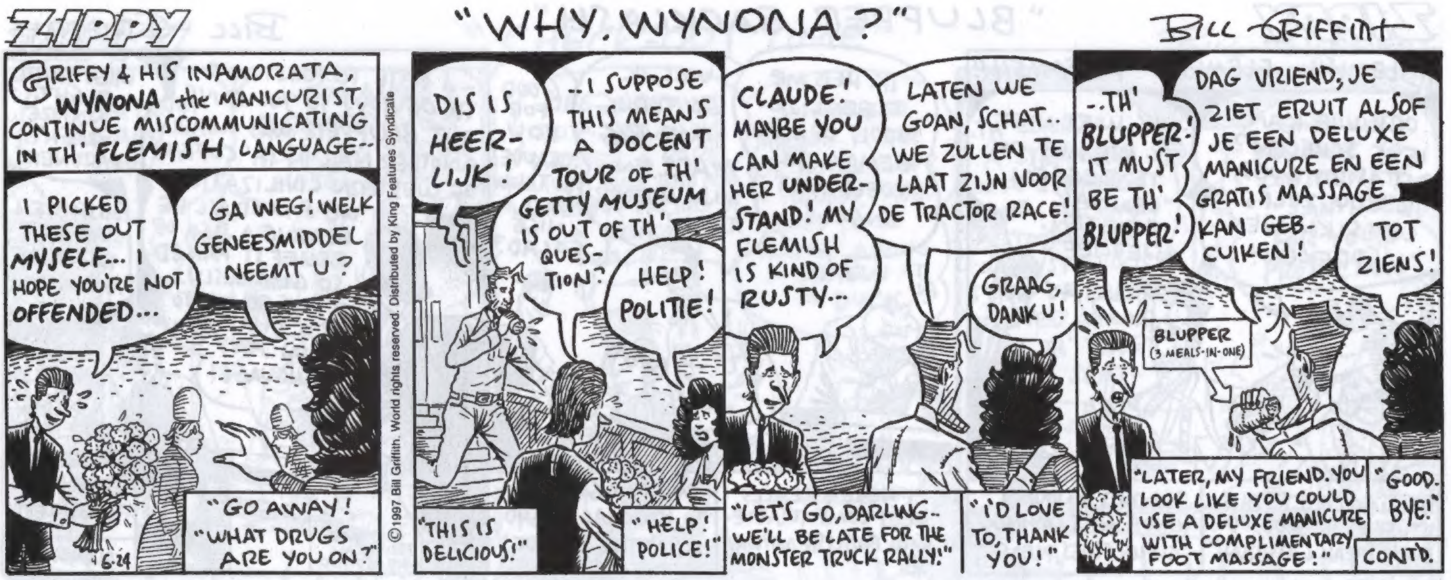
WAIT..I JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE MY EUROPEAN PHRASE BOOK WITH ME..LET'S SEE...YOU'RE "OUT OF PETROL" ..AND..UH..YOU "NEED A GOOD AUTO MECHANIC"?
GRIFFY
GA WEG, IDIOT! EN JE WEET WAT JE KAN DOEN MET DIE GOEDKOPE BLOEMEN!
"GO AWAY, IDIOT! AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THAT CHEAP FLORAL OFFERING!"
WAIT...I'M ON TH' RIGHT PAGE NOW.. ...UH... YOU SAID, "GO AWAY, IDIOT! AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THAT CHEAP FLORAL OFFERING!"
CHEAP? THESE THINGS COST ME EIGHTEEN-FIFTY!!
LAAT MIJ MET RUST!!
BERLITZ EURO PHR
"LEAVE ME ALONE!"
...MORE!


ZIPPY
"WHY, WYNONA?"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY & HIS INAMORATA, WYNONA the MANICURIST, CONTINUE MISCOMMUNICATING IN TH' FLEMISH LANGUAGE--
I PICKED THESE OUT MYSELF... I HOPE YOU'RE NOT OFFENDED...
GA WEG! WELK GENEESMIDDEL NEEMT U?
6-24
"GO AWAY! "WHAT DRUGS ARE YOU ON?"
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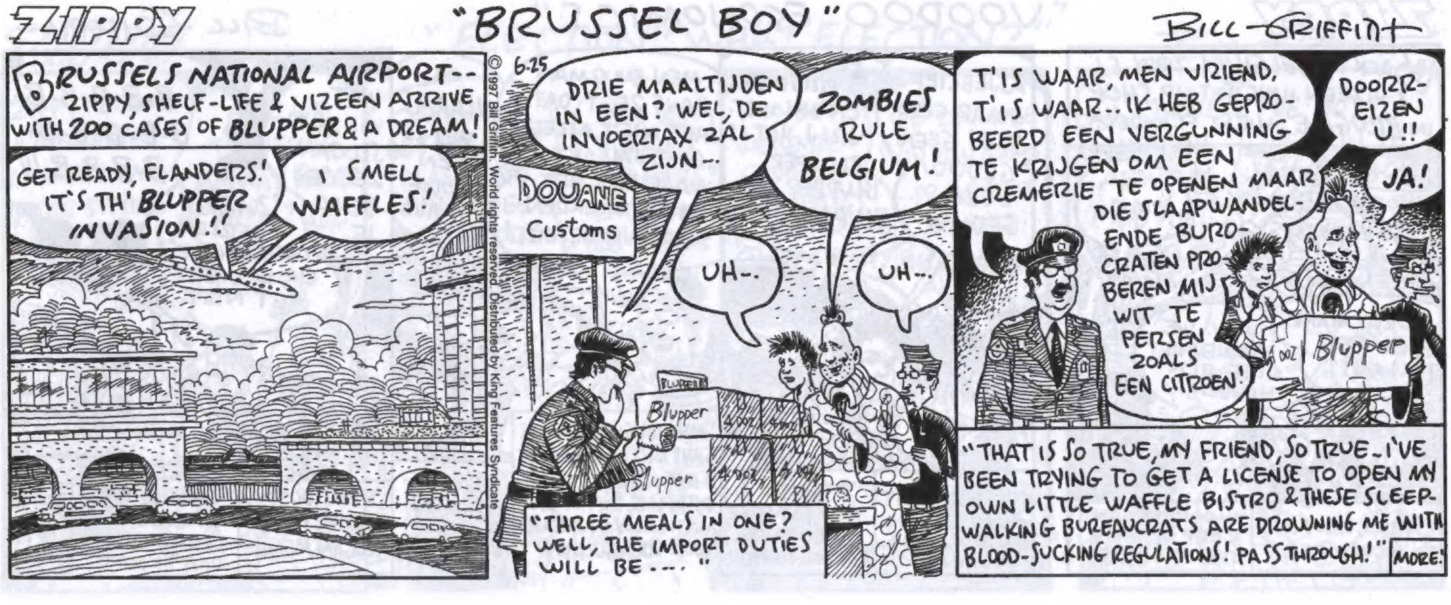
DIS IS HEERLIJK!
..I SUPPOSE THIS MEANS A DOCENT TOUR OF TH' GETTY MUSEUM IS OUT OF TH' QUESTION?
HELP! POLITIE!
"THIS IS DELICIOUS!"
"HELP! POLICE!"
CLAUDE! MAYBE YOU CAN MAKE HER UNDERSTAND! MY FLEMISH IS KIND OF RUSTY...
LATEN WE GOAN, SCHAT.. WE ZULLEN TE LAAT ZIJN VOOR DE TRACTOR RACE!
GRAAG, DANK U!
"LET'S GO, DARLING.. WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE MONSTER TRUCK RALLY!"
"I'D LOVE TO, THANK YOU!"
..TH' BLUPPER! IT MUST BE TH' BLUPPER!
DAG VRIEND, JE ZIET ERUIT ALSOF JE EEN DELUXE MANICURE EN EEN GRATIS MASSAGE KAN GEBCUIKEN!
TOT ZIENS!
BLUPPER (3 MEALS-IN-ONE)
"LATER, MY FRIEND. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE A DELUXE MANICURE WITH COMPLIMENTARY FOOT MASSAGE!"
"GOOD. BYE!"
CONTD.


ZIPPY
"BRUSSEL BOY"
BILL GRIFFITH
BRUSSELS NATIONAL AIRPORT-- ZIPPY, SHELF-LIFE & VIZEEN ARRIVE WITH 200 CASES OF BLUPPER & A DREAM!
GET READY, FLANDERS! IT'S TH' BLUPPER INVASION!!
I SMELL WAFFLES!
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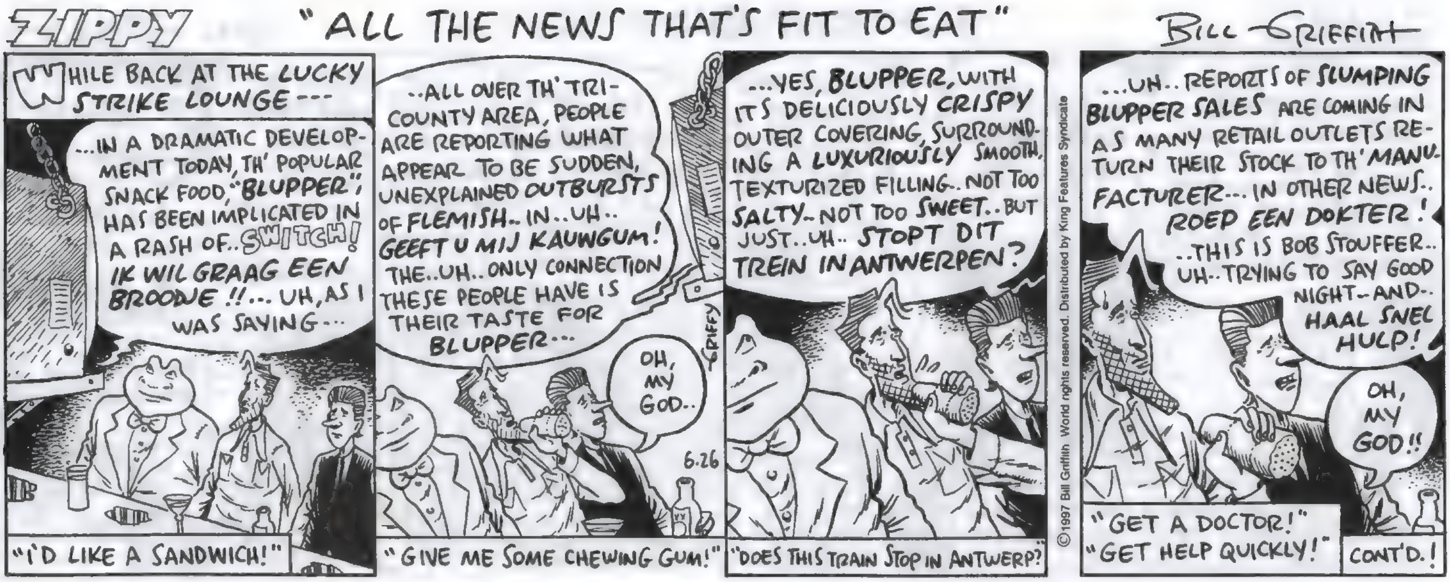
6-25
DRIE MAALTIJDEN IN EEN? WEL, DE INVOERTAX ZAL ZIJN..
ZOMBIES RULE BELGIUM!
DOUANE
Customs
UH-.
UH-.
Blupper
Blupper
"THREE MEALS IN ONE? WELL, THE IMPORT DUTIES WILL BE...."
T'IS WAAR, MEN VRIEND, T'IS WAAR.. IK HEB GEPROBEERD EEN VERGUNNING TE KRIJGEN OM EEN CREMERIE TE OPENEN MAAR DIE SLAAPWANDELENDE BUROCRATEN PROBEREN MIJ UIT TE PERSEN ZOALS EEN CITROEN!
DOORREIZEN U!!
JA!
Blupper
"THAT IS SO TRUE, MY FRIEND, SO TRUE.. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET A LICENSE TO OPEN MY OWN LITTLE WAFFLE BISTRO & THESE SLEEPWALKING BUREAUCRATS ARE DROWNING ME WITH BLOOD-SUCKING REGULATIONS! PASS THROUGH!"
MORE!


ZIPPY
"ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO EAT"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHILE BACK AT THE LUCKY STRIKE LOUNGE---
...IN A DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT TODAY, TH' POPULAR SNACK FOOD, "BLUPPER", HAS BEEN IMPLICATED IN A RASH OF.. SWITCH! IK WIL GRAAG EEN BROODJE !!... UH, AS I WAS SAYING...
"I'D LIKE A SANDWICH!"
..ALL OVER TH' TRI-COUNTY AREA, PEOPLE ARE REPORTING WHAT APPEAR TO BE SUDDEN, UNEXPLAINED OUTBURSTS OF FLEMISH.. IN.. UH.. GEEFT U MIJ KAUWGUM! THE.. UH.. ONLY CONNECTION THESE PEOPLE HAVE IS THEIR TASTE FOR BLUPPER...
OH, MY GOD..
GRIFFY
6.26
"GIVE ME SOME CHEWING GUM!"
...YES, BLUPPER, WITH ITS DELICIOUSLY CRISPY OUTER COVERING, SURROUNDING A LUXURIOUSLY SMOOTH, TEXTURIZED FILLING.. NOT TOO SALTY.. NOT TOO SWEET.. BUT JUST.. UH.. STOPT DIT TREIN IN ANTWERPEN?
"DOES THIS TRAIN STOP IN ANTWERP?"
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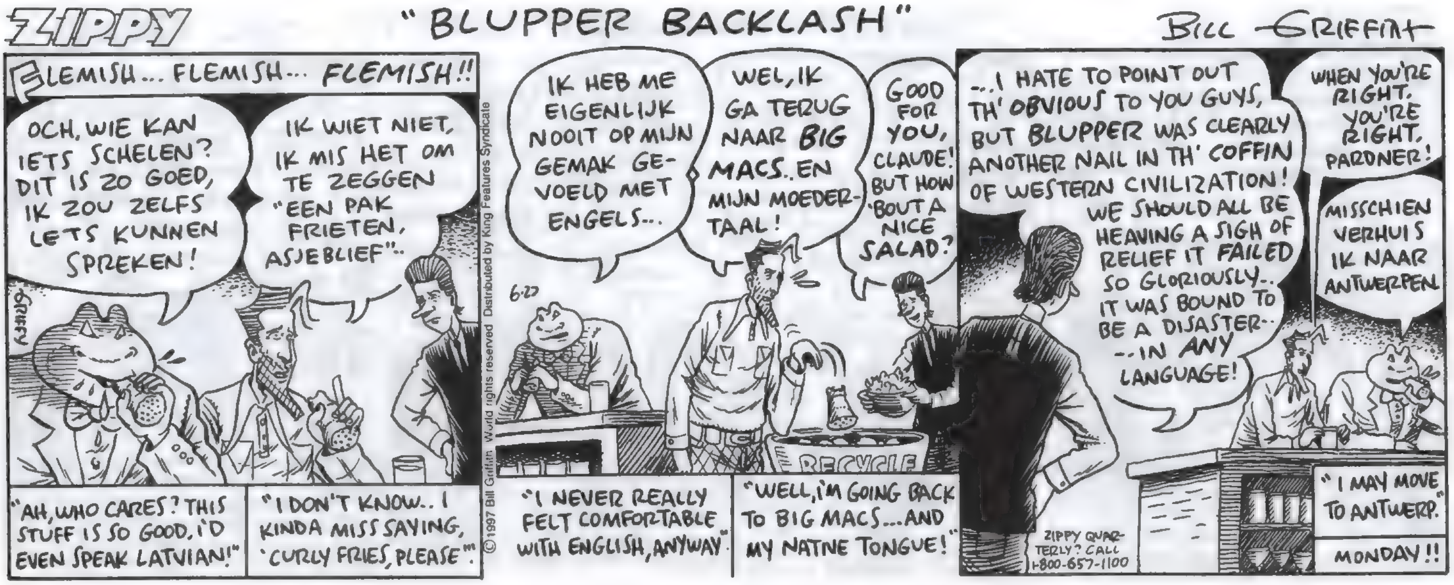
...UH.. REPORTS OF SLUMPING BLUPPER SALES ARE COMING IN AS MANY RETAIL OUTLETS RETURN THEIR STOCK TO TH' MANUFACTURER... IN OTHER NEWS.. ROEP EEN DOKTER!
..THIS IS BOB STOUFFER.. UH.. TRYING TO SAY GOOD NIGHT.. AND.. HAAL SNEL HULP!
OH, MY GOD!!
"GET A DOCTOR!" "GET HELP QUICKLY!"
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"BLUPPER BACKLASH"
BILL GRIFFITH
FLEMISH... FLEMISH... FLEMISH!!
OCH, WIE KAN IETS SCHELEN? DIT IS ZO GOED, IK ZOU ZELFS LETS KUNNEN SPREKEN!
IK WIET NIET, IK MIS HET OM TE ZEGGEN "EEN PAK FRIETEN, ASJEBLIEF"..
GRIFFY
"AH, WHO CARES? THIS STUFF IS SO GOOD, I'D EVEN SPEAK LATVIAN!"
"I DON'T KNOW.. I KINDA MISS SAYING, 'CURLY FRIES, PLEASE'"
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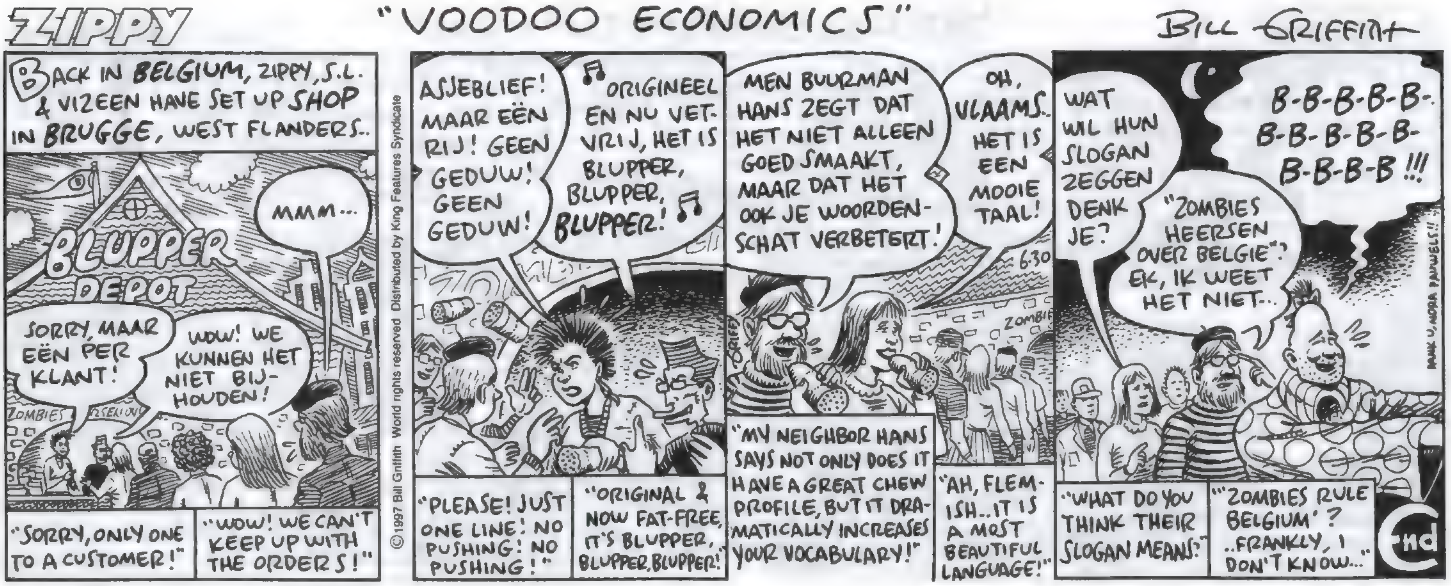
IK HEB ME EIGENLIJK NOOIT OP MIJN GEMAK GEVOELD MET ENGELS...
WEL, IK GA TERUG NAAR BIG MACS.. EN MIJN MOEDERTAAL!
GOOD FOR YOU, CLAUDE! BUT HOW 'BOUT A NICE SALAD?
6.27
RECYCLE
"I NEVER REALLY FELT COMFORTABLE WITH ENGLISH, ANYWAY"
"WELL, I'M GOING BACK TO BIG MACS... AND MY NATIVE TONGUE!"
..I HATE TO POINT OUT TH' OBVIOUS TO YOU GUYS, BUT BLUPPER WAS CLEARLY ANOTHER NAIL IN TH' COFFIN OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION! WE SHOULD ALL BE HEAVING A SIGH OF RELIEF IT FAILED SO GLORIOUSLY.. IT WAS BOUND TO BE A DISASTER-- --IN ANY LANGUAGE!
WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT, PARDNER!
MISSCHIEN VERHUIS IK NAAR ANTWERPEN
ZIPPY QUARTERLY? CALL 1-800-657-1100
"I MAY MOVE TO ANTWERP."
MONDAY!!


ZIPPY
"VOODOO ECONOMICS"
BILL GRIFFITH
BACK IN BELGIUM, ZIPPY, S.L. & VIZEEN HAVE SET UP SHOP IN BRUGGE, WEST FLANDERS..
BLUPPER DEPOT
MMM...
SORRY, MAAR EËN PER KLANT!
WOW! WE KUNNEN HET NIET BIJHOUDEN!
ZOMBIES
"SORRY, ONLY ONE TO A CUSTOMER!"
"WOW! WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE ORDERS!"
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ASJEBLIEF! MAAR EËN RIJ! GEEN GEDUW! GEEN GEDUW!
♫ ORIGINEEL EN NU VETVRIJ, HET IS BLUPPER, BLUPPER, BLUPPER! ♫
"PLEASE! JUST ONE LINE! NO PUSHING! NO PUSHING!"
"ORIGINAL & NOW FAT-FREE, IT'S BLUPPER, BLUPPER, BLUPPER!"
MEN BUURMAN HANS ZEGT DAT HET NIET ALLEEN GOED SMAAKT, MAAR DAT HET OOK JE WOORDENSCHAT VERBETERT!
OH, VLAAMS.. HET IS EEN MOOIE TAAL!
6.30
GRIFFY
ZOMBIE
"MY NEIGHBOR HANS SAYS NOT ONLY DOES IT HAVE A GREAT CHEW PROFILE, BUT IT DRAMATICALLY INCREASES YOUR VOCABULARY!"
"AH, FLEMISH.. IT IS A MOST BEAUTIFUL LANGUAGE!"
WAT WIL HUN SLOGAN ZEGGEN DENK JE?
"ZOMBIES HEERSEN OVER BELGIE"? EK, IK WEET HET NIET...
B-B-B-B-B-. B-B-B-B-B- B-B-B-B !!!
BANK U, NORA PAUWELS!!
"WHAT DO YOU THINK THEIR SLOGAN MEANS?"
"'ZOMBIES RULE BELGIUM'? ..FRANKLY, I DON'T KNOW..."
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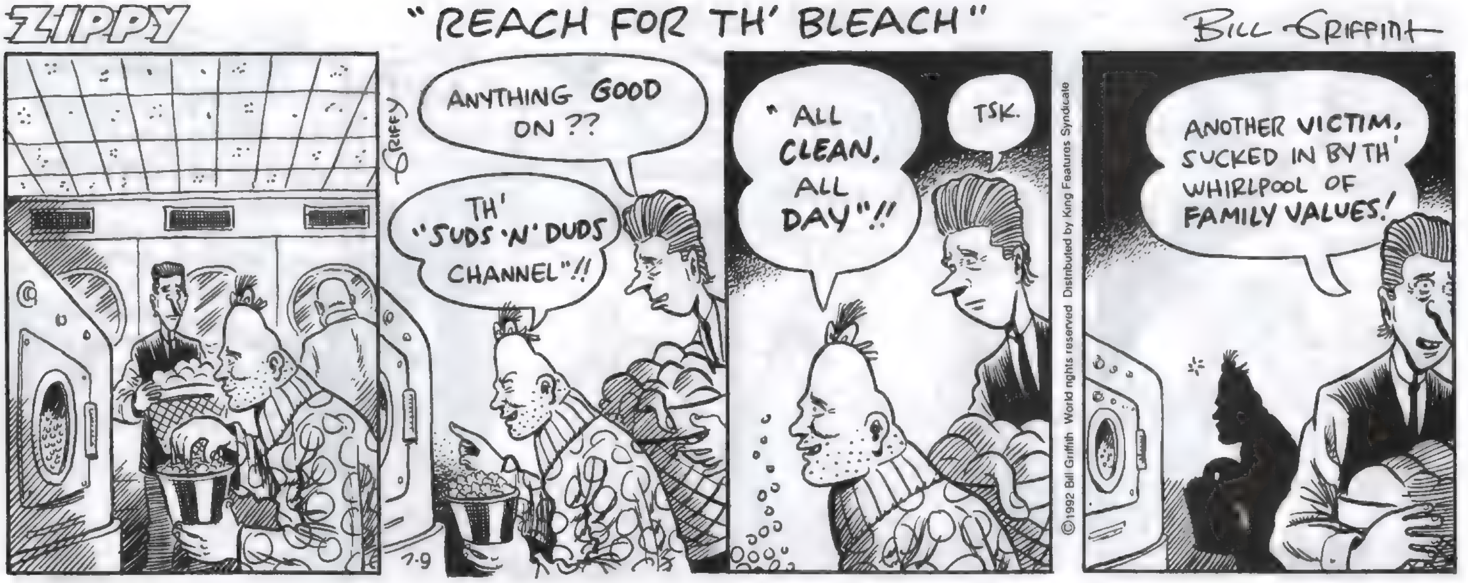
ZIPPY
"REACH FOR TH' BLEACH"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY
ANYTHING GOOD ON ??
TH' "SUDS 'N' DUDS CHANNEL"!!
7-9
"ALL CLEAN, ALL DAY"!!
TSK.
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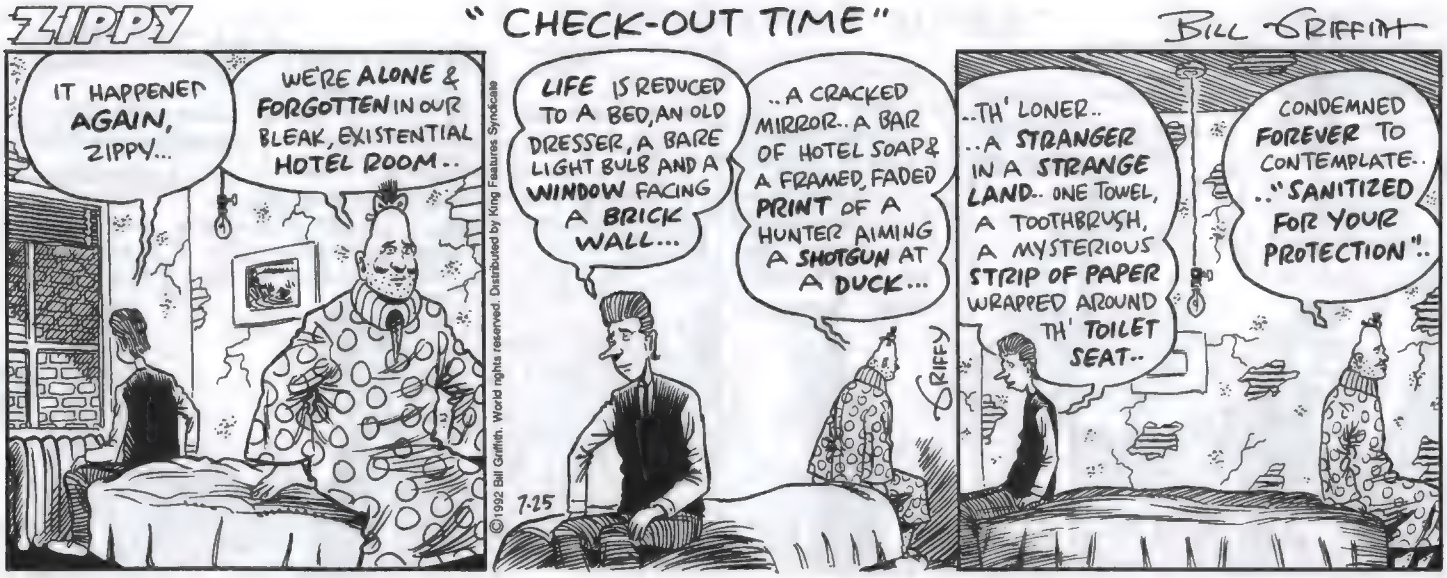
ANOTHER VICTIM, SUCKED IN BY TH' WHIRLPOOL OF FAMILY VALUES!


ZIPPY
"CHECK-OUT TIME"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT HAPPENED AGAIN, ZIPPY...
WE'RE ALONE & FORGOTTEN IN OUR BLEAK, EXISTENTIAL HOTEL ROOM..
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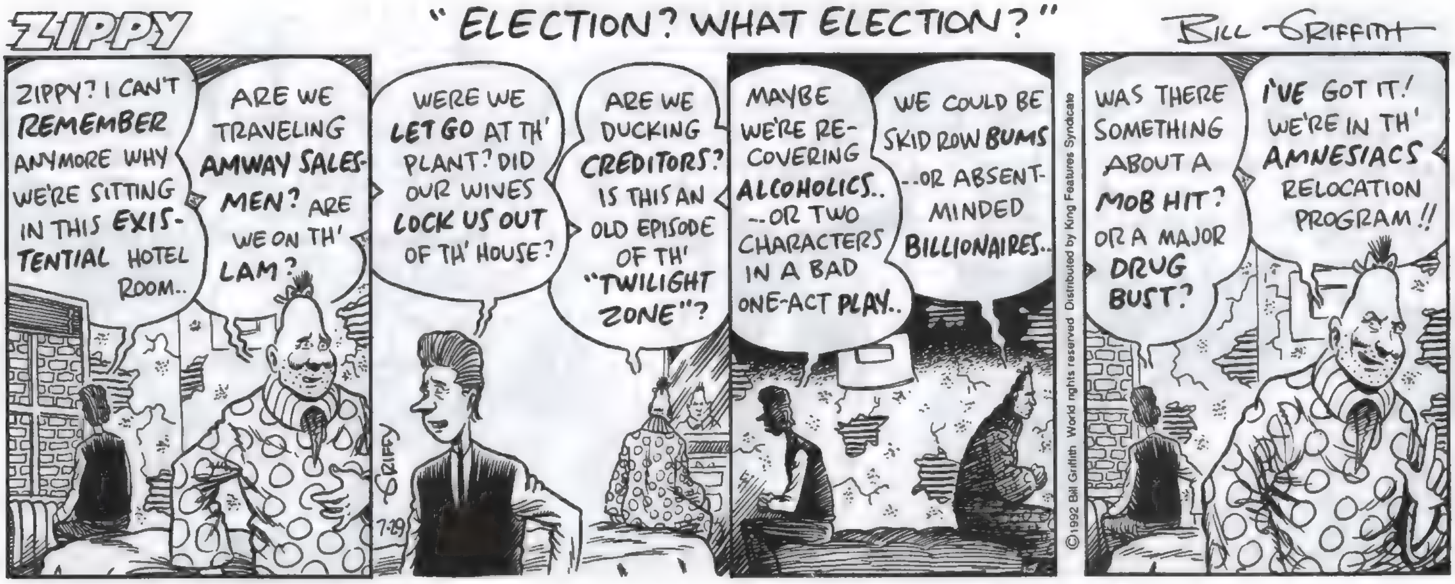
7-25
LIFE IS REDUCED TO A BED, AN OLD DRESSER, A BARE LIGHT BULB AND A WINDOW FACING A BRICK WALL...
..A CRACKED MIRROR.. A BAR OF HOTEL SOAP & A FRAMED, FADED PRINT OF A HUNTER AIMING A SHOTGUN AT A DUCK...
GRIFFY
..TH' LONER.. ..A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND.. ONE TOWEL, A TOOTHBRUSH, A MYSTERIOUS STRIP OF PAPER WRAPPED AROUND TH' TOILET SEAT..
CONDEMNED FOREVER TO CONTEMPLATE.. .."SANITIZED FOR YOUR PROTECTION"..


ZIPPY
"ELECTION? WHAT ELECTION?"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY? I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYMORE WHY WE'RE SITTING IN THIS EXISTENTIAL HOTEL ROOM..
ARE WE TRAVELING AMWAY SALESMEN? ARE WE ON TH' LAM?
GRIFFY
7-29
WERE WE LET GO AT TH' PLANT? DID OUR WIVES LOCK US OUT OF TH' HOUSE?
ARE WE DUCKING CREDITORS? IS THIS AN OLD EPISODE OF TH' "TWILIGHT ZONE"?
MAYBE WE'RE RE-COVERING ALCOHOLICS.. ..OR TWO CHARACTERS IN A BAD ONE-ACT PLAY..
WE COULD BE SKID ROW BUMS ..OR ABSENT-MINDED BILLIONAIRES..
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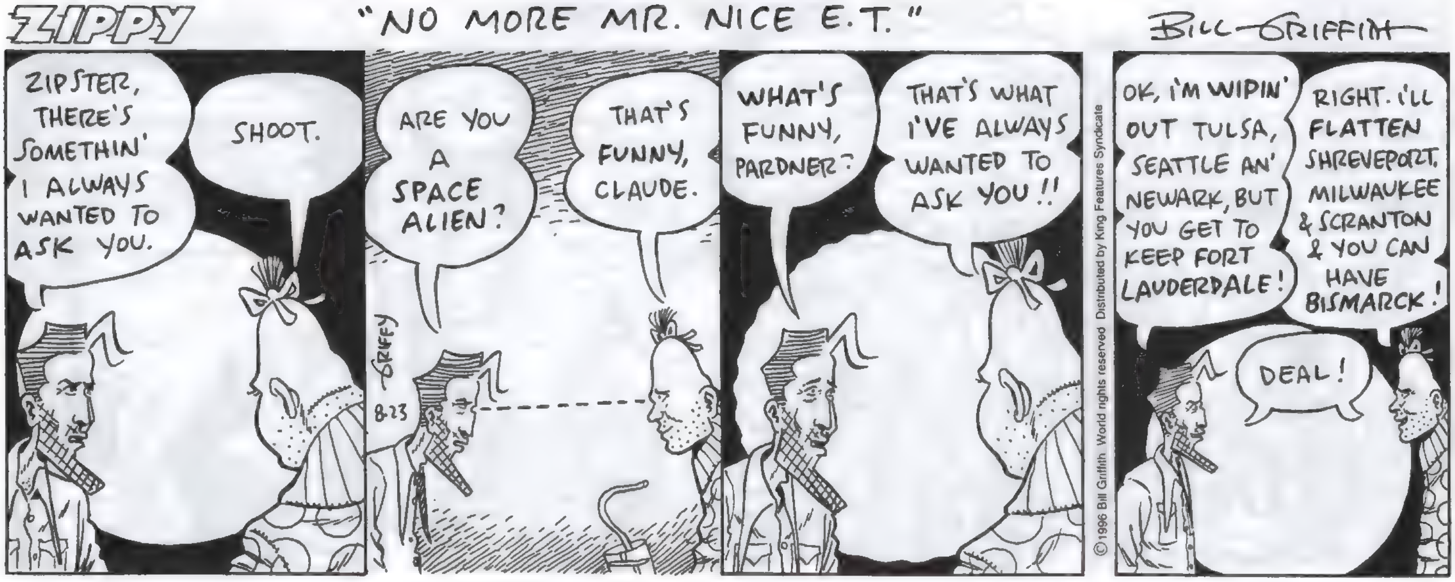
WAS THERE SOMETHING ABOUT A MOB HIT? OR A MAJOR DRUG BUST?
I'VE GOT IT! WE'RE IN TH' AMNESIACS RELOCATION PROGRAM!!


ZIPPY
"NO MORE MR. NICE E.T."
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPSTER, THERE'S SOMETHIN' I ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU.
SHOOT.
ARE YOU A SPACE ALIEN?
THAT'S FUNNY, CLAUDE.
GRIFFY 8-23
WHAT'S FUNNY, PARDNER?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU!!
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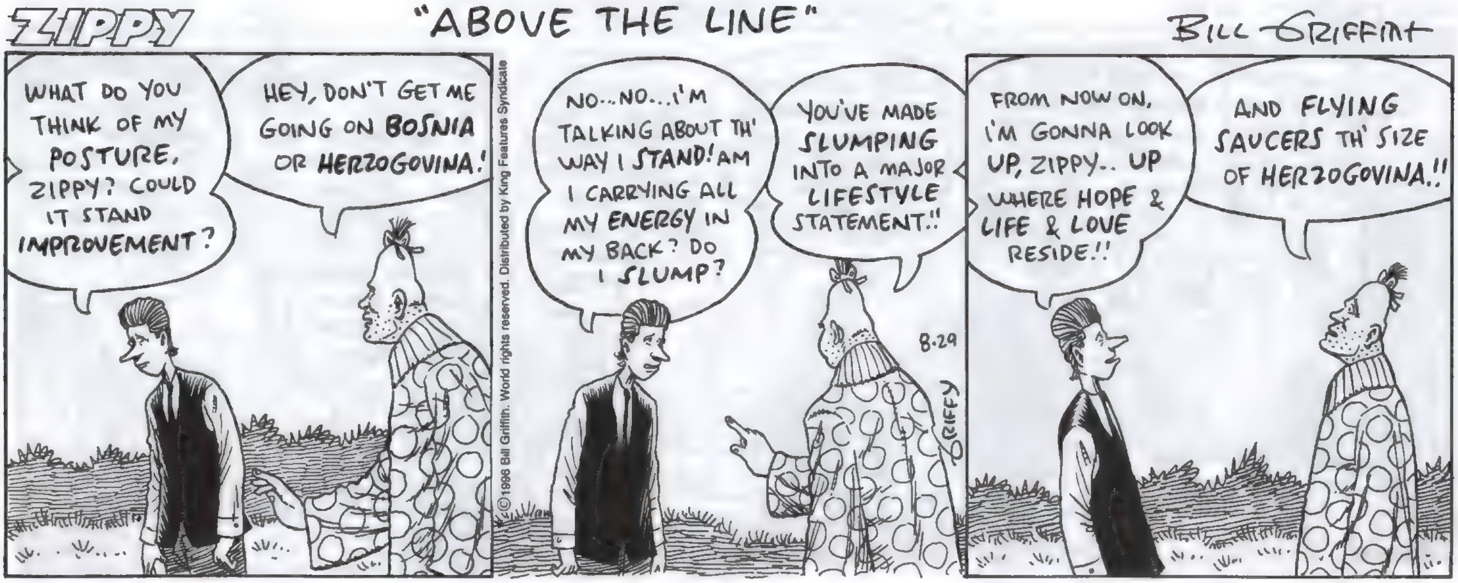
OK, I'M WIPIN' OUT TULSA, SEATTLE AN' NEWARK, BUT YOU GET TO KEEP FORT LAUDERDALE!
RIGHT. I'LL FLATTEN SHREVEPORT, MILWAUKEE & SCRANTON & YOU CAN HAVE BISMARCK!
DEAL!


ZIPPY
"ABOVE THE LINE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY POSTURE, ZIPPY? COULD IT STAND IMPROVEMENT?
HEY, DON'T GET ME GOING ON BOSNIA OR HERZOGOVINA!
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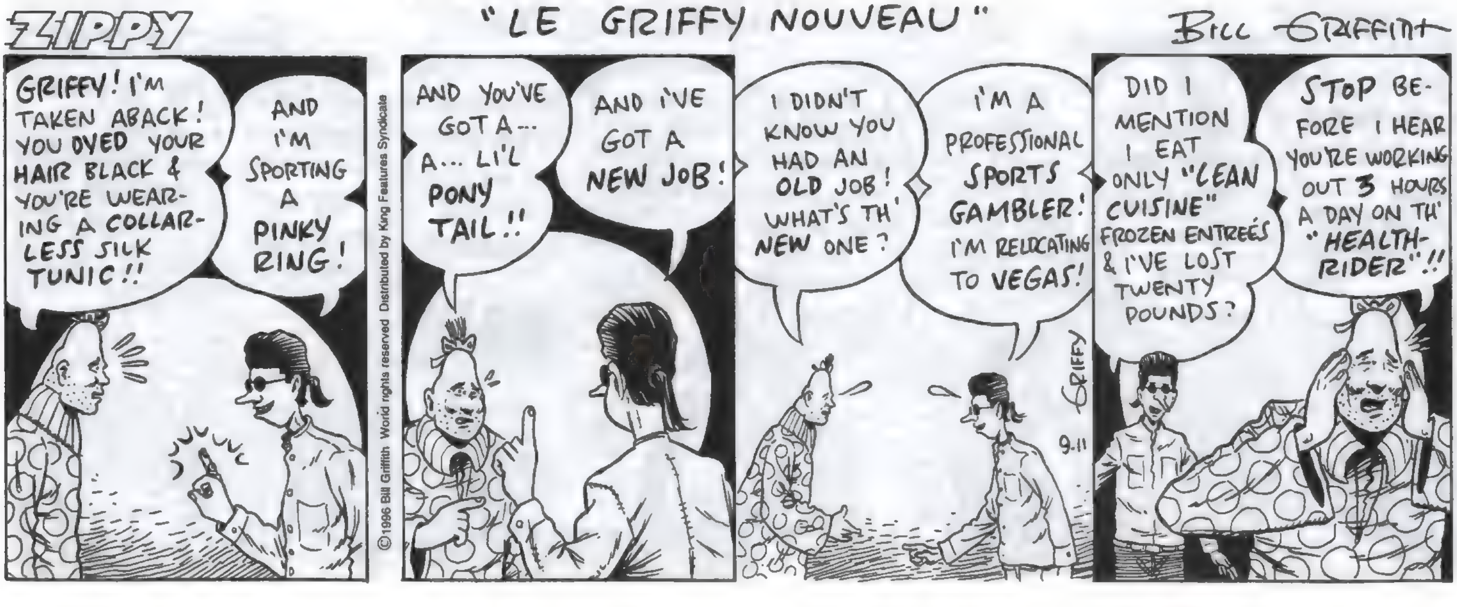
NO...NO...I'M TALKING ABOUT TH' WAY I STAND! AM I CARRYING ALL MY ENERGY IN MY BACK? DO I SLUMP?
YOU'VE MADE SLUMPING INTO A MAJOR LIFESTYLE STATEMENT!!
8-29 GRIFFY
FROM NOW ON, I'M GONNA LOOK UP, ZIPPY.. UP WHERE HOPE & LIFE & LOVE RESIDE!!
AND FLYING SAUCERS TH' SIZE OF HERZOGOVINA!!


ZIPPY
"LE GRIFFY NOUVEAU"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY! I'M TAKEN ABACK! YOU DYED YOUR HAIR BLACK & YOU'RE WEARING A COLLAR-LESS SILK TUNIC!!
AND I'M SPORTING A PINKY RING!
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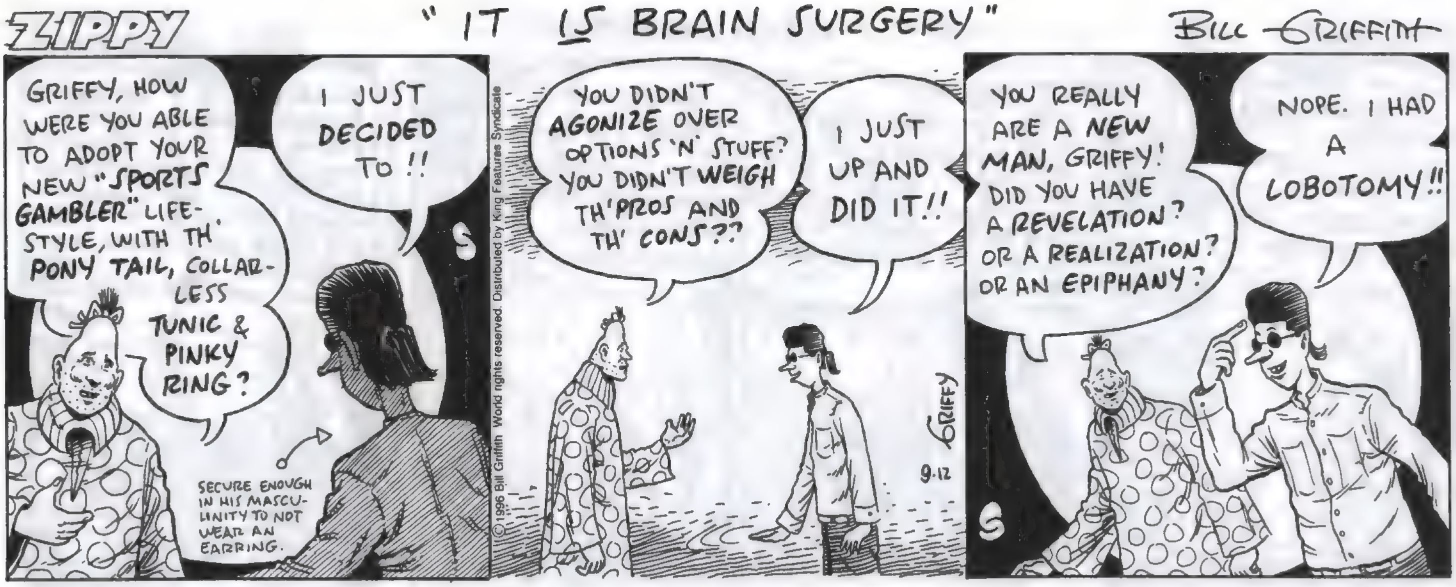
AND YOU'VE GOT A... A... LI'L PONY TAIL!!
AND I'VE GOT A NEW JOB!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD AN OLD JOB! WHAT'S TH' NEW ONE?
I'M A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS GAMBLER! I'M RELOCATING TO VEGAS!
GRIFFY 9-11
DID I MENTION I EAT ONLY "LEAN CUISINE" FROZEN ENTREÉS & I'VE LOST TWENTY POUNDS?
STOP BEFORE I HEAR YOU'RE WORKING OUT 3 HOURS A DAY ON TH' "HEALTH-RIDER"!!


ZIPPY
"IT IS BRAIN SURGERY"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO ADOPT YOUR NEW "SPORTS GAMBLER" LIFE-STYLE, WITH TH' PONY TAIL, COLLAR-LESS TUNIC & PINKY RING?
I JUST DECIDED TO!!
SECURE ENOUGH IN HIS MASCULINITY TO NOT WEAR AN EARRING.
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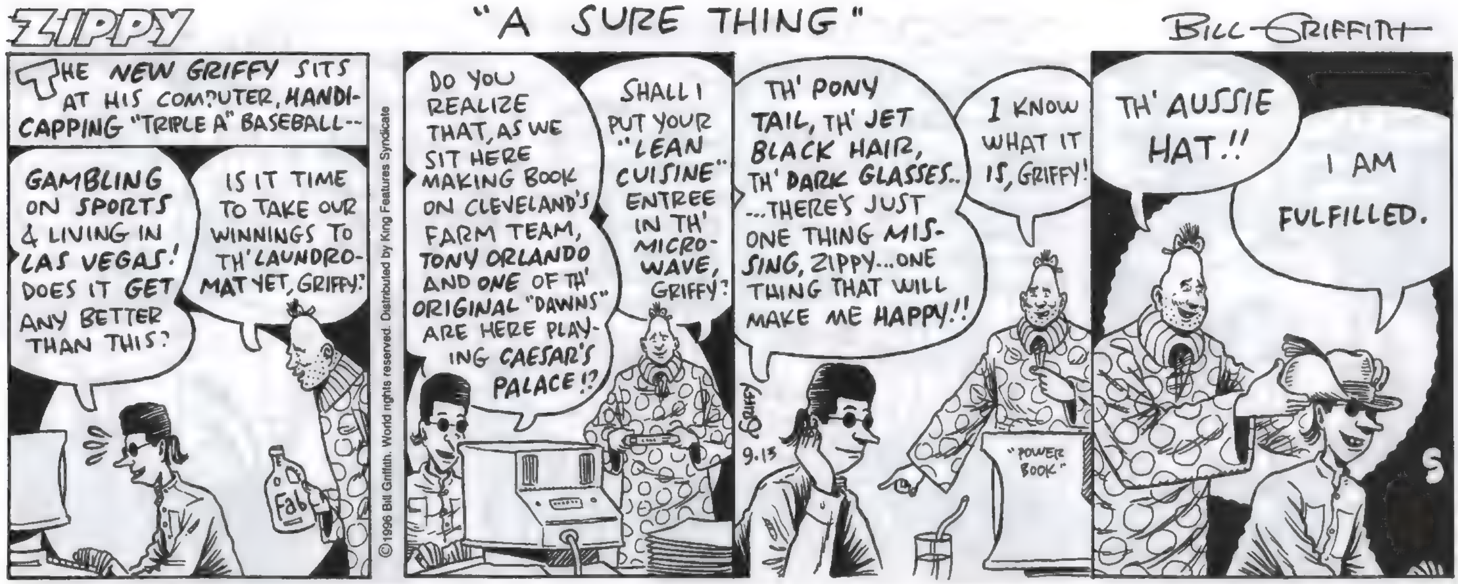
YOU DIDN'T AGONIZE OVER OPTIONS 'N' STUFF? YOU DIDN'T WEIGH TH' PROS AND TH' CONS??
I JUST UP AND DID IT!!
GRIFFY
9·12
YOU REALLY ARE A NEW MAN, GRIFFY! DID YOU HAVE A REVELATION? OR A REALIZATION? OR AN EPIPHANY?
NOPE. I HAD A LOBOTOMY!!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"A SURE THING"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE NEW GRIFFY SITS AT HIS COMPUTER, HANDICAPPING "TRIPLE A" BASEBALL--
GAMBLING ON SPORTS & LIVING IN LAS VEGAS! DOES IT GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS?
IS IT TIME TO TAKE OUR WINNINGS TO TH' LAUNDROMAT YET, GRIFFY?
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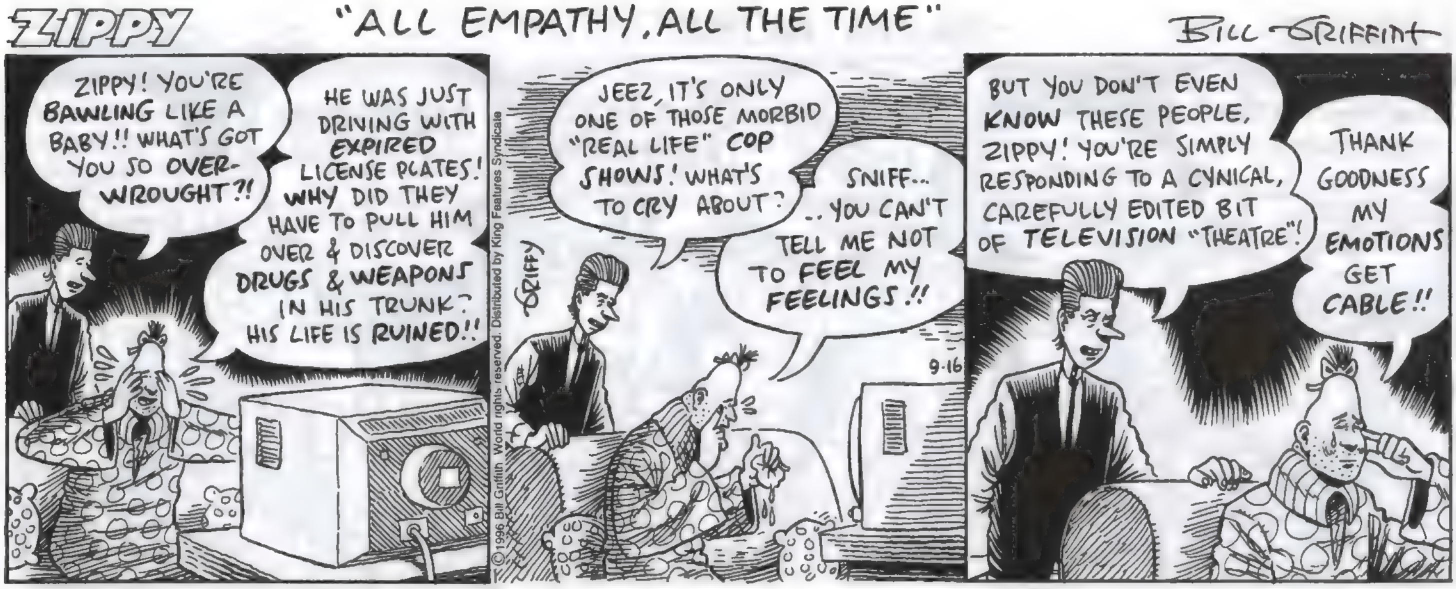
DO YOU REALIZE THAT, AS WE SIT HERE MAKING BOOK ON CLEVELAND'S FARM TEAM, TONY ORLANDO AND ONE OF TH' ORIGINAL "DAWNS" ARE HERE PLAYING CAESAR'S PALACE!?
SHALL I PUT YOUR "LEAN CUISINE" ENTREE IN TH' MICRO-WAVE, GRIFFY?
TH' PONY TAIL, TH' JET BLACK HAIR, TH' DARK GLASSES.. ...THERE'S JUST ONE THING MISSING, ZIPPY... ONE THING THAT WILL MAKE ME HAPPY!!
I KNOW WHAT IT IS, GRIFFY!
GRIFFY
9·13
"POWER BOOK"
TH' AUSSIE HAT!!
I AM FULFILLED.


ZIPPY
"ALL EMPATHY, ALL THE TIME"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! YOU'RE BAWLING LIKE A BABY!! WHAT'S GOT YOU SO OVER-WROUGHT?!
HE WAS JUST DRIVING WITH EXPIRED LICENSE PLATES! WHY DID THEY HAVE TO PULL HIM OVER & DISCOVER DRUGS & WEAPONS IN HIS TRUNK? HIS LIFE IS RUINED!!
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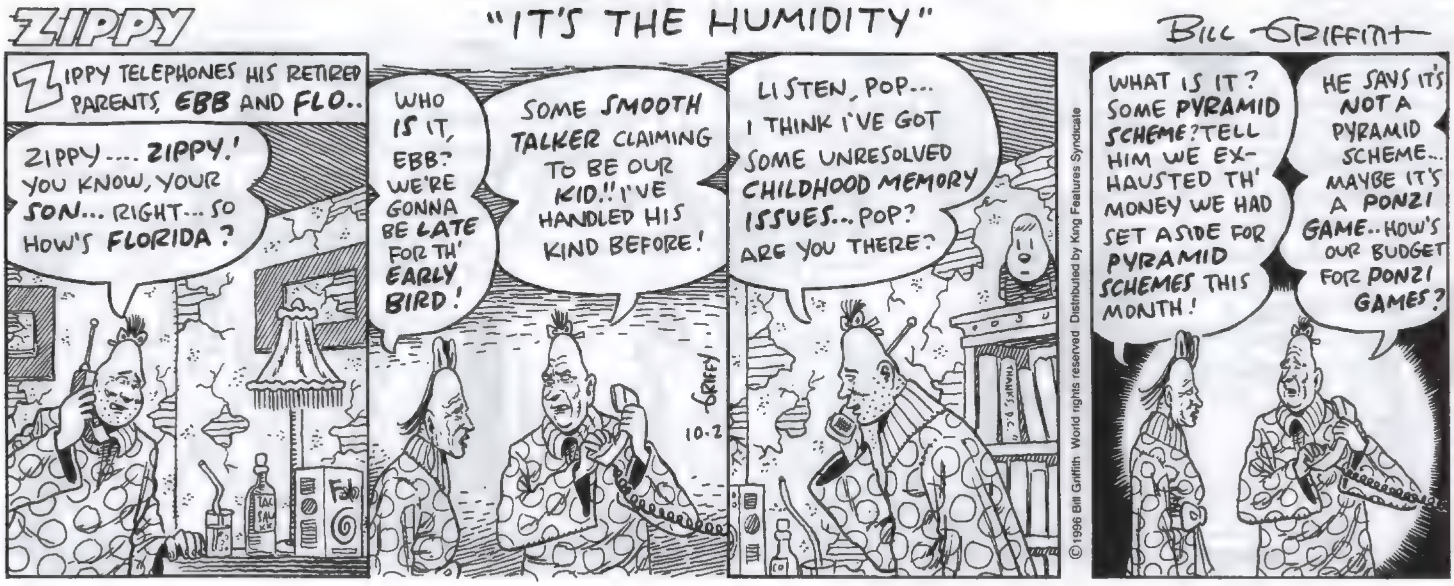
JEEZ, IT'S ONLY ONE OF THOSE MORBID "REAL LIFE" COP SHOWS! WHAT'S TO CRY ABOUT?
SNIFF... ..YOU CAN'T TELL ME NOT TO FEEL MY FEELINGS!!
GRIFFY
9·16
BUT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THESE PEOPLE, ZIPPY! YOU'RE SIMPLY RESPONDING TO A CYNICAL, CAREFULLY EDITED BIT OF TELEVISION "THEATRE"!
THANK GOODNESS MY EMOTIONS GET CABLE!!


ZIPPY
"IT'S THE HUMIDITY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY TELEPHONES HIS RETIRED PARENTS, EBB AND FLO..
ZIPPY.... ZIPPY! YOU KNOW, YOUR SON... RIGHT... SO HOW'S FLORIDA?
WHO IS IT, EBB? WE'RE GONNA BE LATE FOR TH' EARLY BIRD!
SOME SMOOTH TALKER CLAIMING TO BE OUR KID!! I'VE HANDLED HIS KIND BEFORE!
LISTEN, POP... I THINK I'VE GOT SOME UNRESOLVED CHILDHOOD MEMORY ISSUES... POP? ARE YOU THERE?
WHAT IS IT? SOME PYRAMID SCHEME? TELL HIM WE EXHAUSTED TH' MONEY WE HAD SET ASIDE FOR PYRAMID SCHEMES THIS MONTH!
HE SAYS IT'S NOT A PYRAMID SCHEME.. MAYBE IT'S A PONZI GAME.. HOW'S OUR BUDGET FOR PONZI GAMES?
GRIFFY
10-2
THANKS, D.C.
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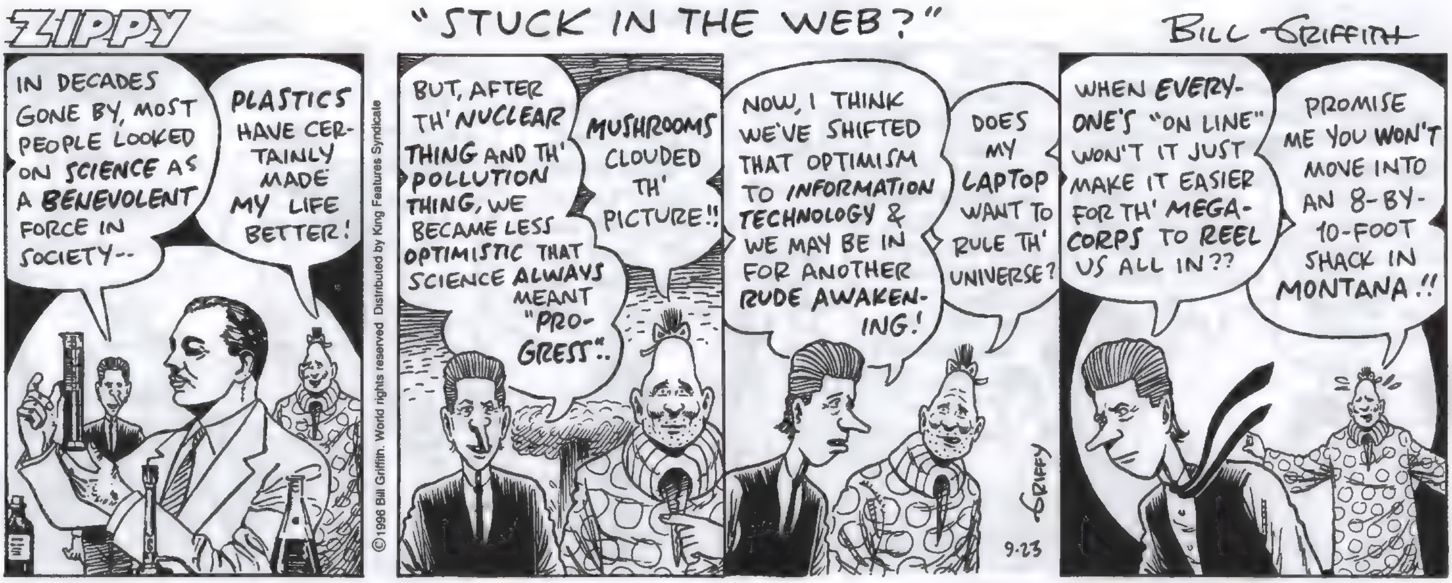
ZIPPY
"STUCK IN THE WEB?"
BILL GRIFFITH
IN DECADES GONE BY, MOST PEOPLE LOOKED ON SCIENCE AS A BENEVOLENT FORCE IN SOCIETY--
PLASTICS HAVE CERTAINLY MADE MY LIFE BETTER!
BUT, AFTER TH' NUCLEAR THING AND TH' POLLUTION THING, WE BECAME LESS OPTIMISTIC THAT SCIENCE ALWAYS MEANT "PROGRESS"..
MUSHROOMS CLOUDED TH' PICTURE!!
NOW, I THINK WE'VE SHIFTED THAT OPTIMISM TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & WE MAY BE IN FOR ANOTHER RUDE AWAKENING!
DOES MY LAPTOP WANT TO RULE TH' UNIVERSE?
WHEN EVERYONE'S "ON LINE" WON'T IT JUST MAKE IT EASIER FOR TH' MEGA-CORPS TO REEL US ALL IN??
PROMISE ME YOU WON'T MOVE INTO AN 8-BY-10-FOOT SHACK IN MONTANA!!
GRIFFY
9-23
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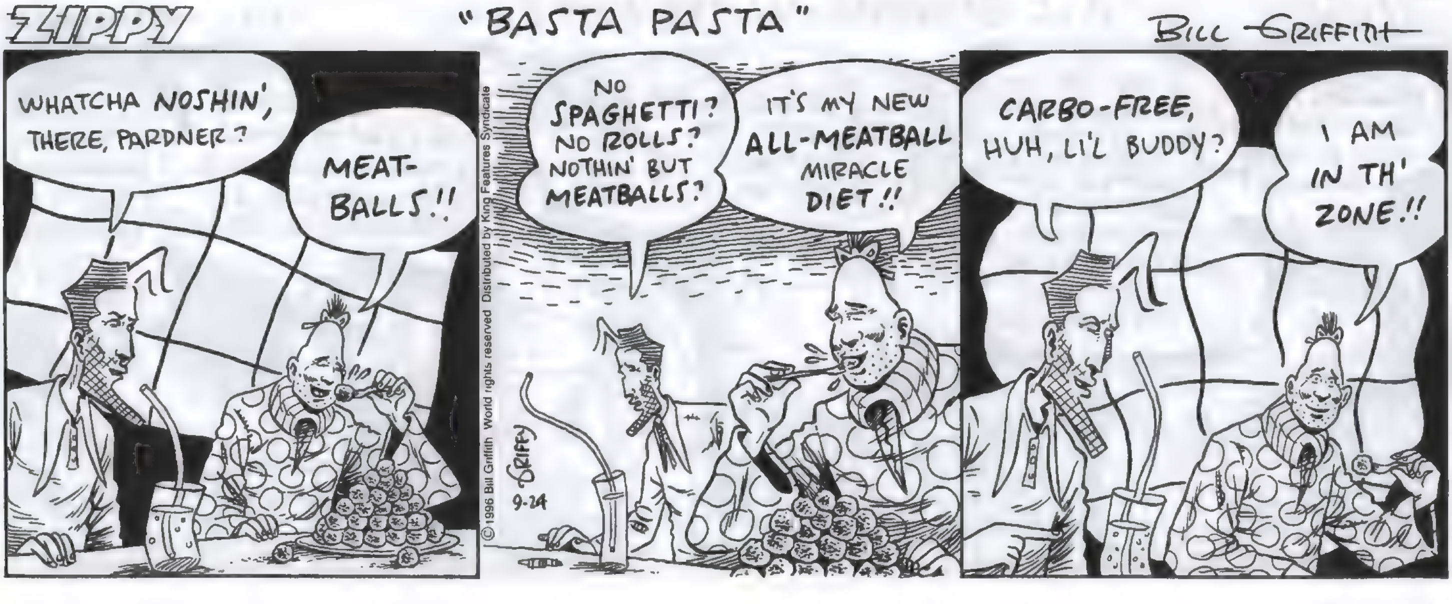
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"BASTA PASTA"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHATCHA NOSHIN', THERE, PARDNER?
MEATBALLS!!
NO SPAGHETTI? NO ROLLS? NOTHIN' BUT MEATBALLS?
IT'S MY NEW ALL-MEATBALL MIRACLE DIET!!
CARBO-FREE, HUH, LI'L BUDDY?
I AM IN TH' ZONE!!
GRIFFY
9-24
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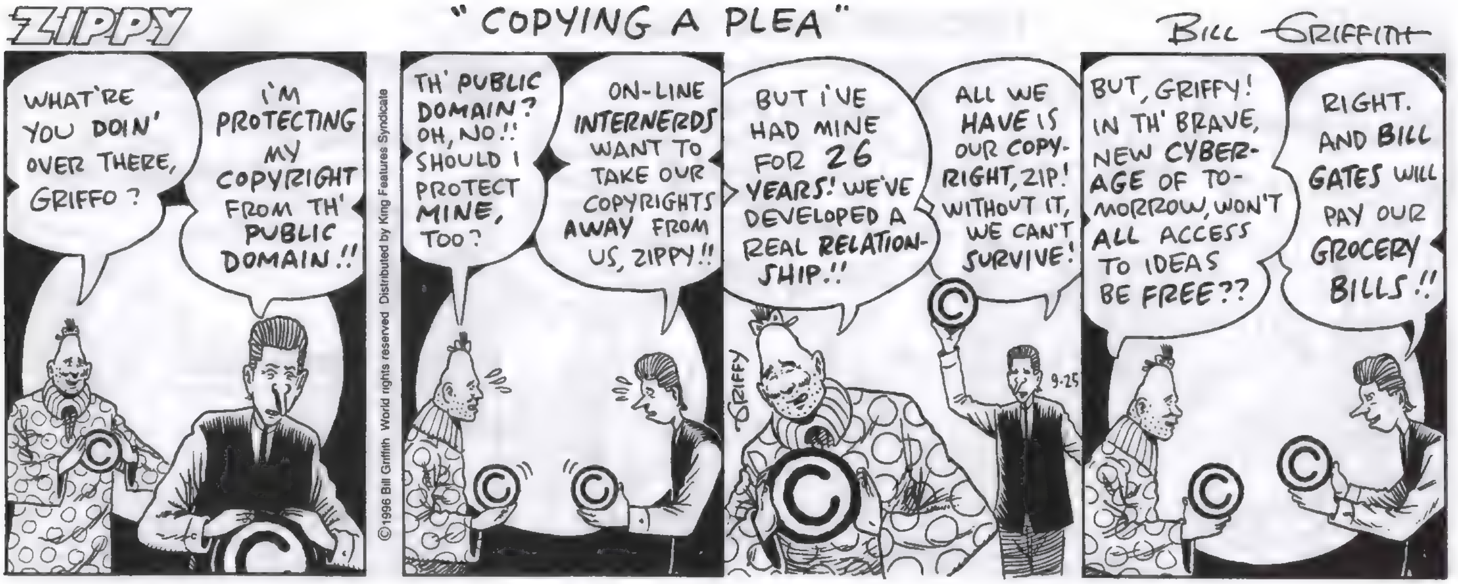
ZIPPY
"COPYING A PLEA"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' OVER THERE, GRIFFO?
I'M PROTECTING MY COPYRIGHT FROM TH' PUBLIC DOMAIN!!
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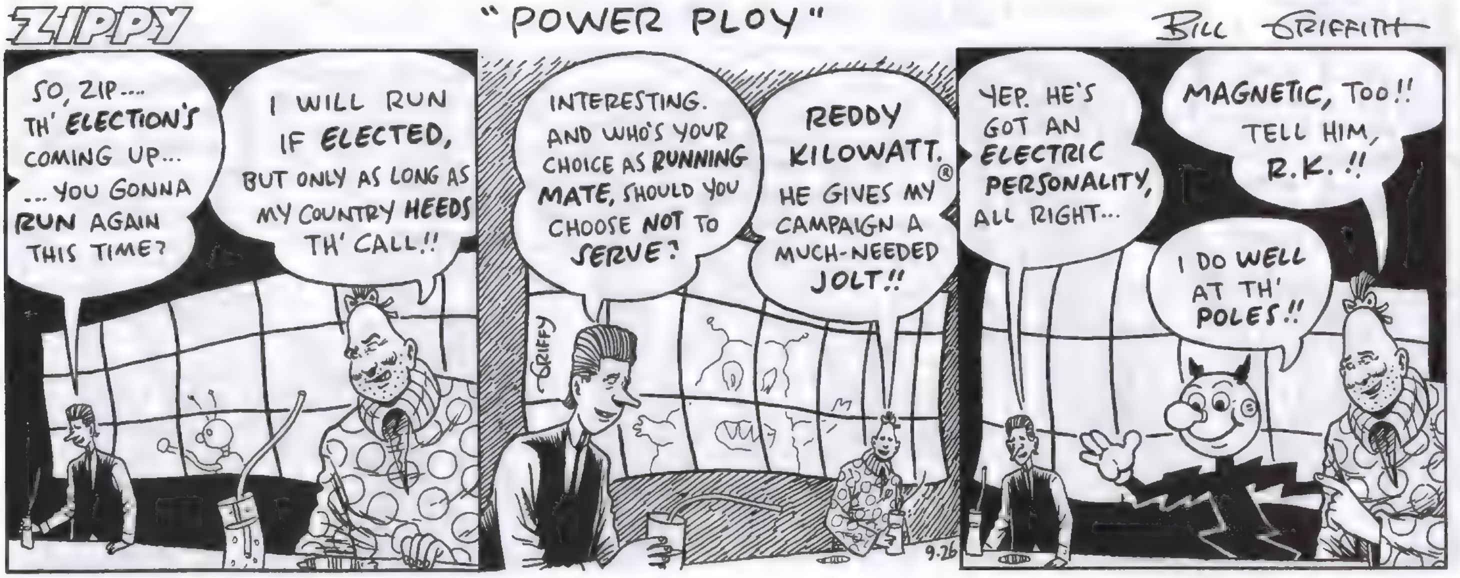
TH' PUBLIC DOMAIN? OH, NO!! SHOULD I PROTECT MINE, TOO?
ON-LINE INTERNERDS WANT TO TAKE OUR COPYRIGHTS AWAY FROM US, ZIPPY!!
BUT I'VE HAD MINE FOR 26 YEARS! WE'VE DEVELOPED A REAL RELATIONSHIP!!
ALL WE HAVE IS OUR COPYRIGHT, ZIP! WITHOUT IT, WE CAN'T SURVIVE!
GRIFFY
9-25
BUT, GRIFFY! IN TH' BRAVE, NEW CYBER-AGE OF TOMORROW, WON'T ALL ACCESS TO IDEAS BE FREE??
RIGHT. AND BILL GATES WILL PAY OUR GROCERY BILLS!!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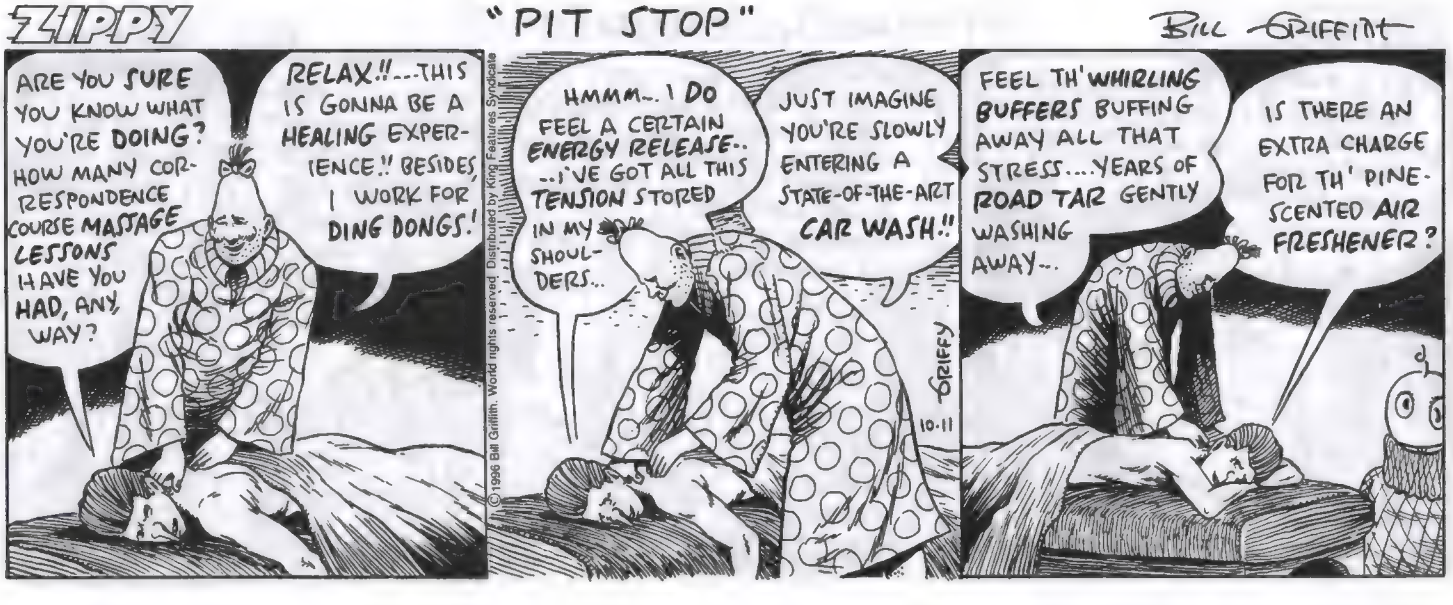
"POWER PLOY"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO, ZIP.... TH' ELECTION'S COMING UP... ...YOU GONNA RUN AGAIN THIS TIME?
I WILL RUN IF ELECTED, BUT ONLY AS LONG AS MY COUNTRY HEEDS TH' CALL!!
INTERESTING. AND WHO'S YOUR CHOICE AS RUNNING MATE, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE NOT TO SERVE?
REDDY KILOWATT.® HE GIVES MY CAMPAIGN A MUCH-NEEDED JOLT!!
GRIFFY
9-26
YEP. HE'S GOT AN ELECTRIC PERSONALITY, ALL RIGHT...
MAGNETIC, TOO!! TELL HIM, R.K.!!
I DO WELL AT TH' POLES!!


ZIPPY
"PIT STOP"
BILL GRIFFITH
ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING? HOW MANY CORRESPONDENCE COURSE MASSAGE LESSONS HAVE YOU HAD, ANYWAY?
RELAX!!---THIS IS GONNA BE A HEALING EXPERIENCE!! BESIDES, I WORK FOR DING DONGS!
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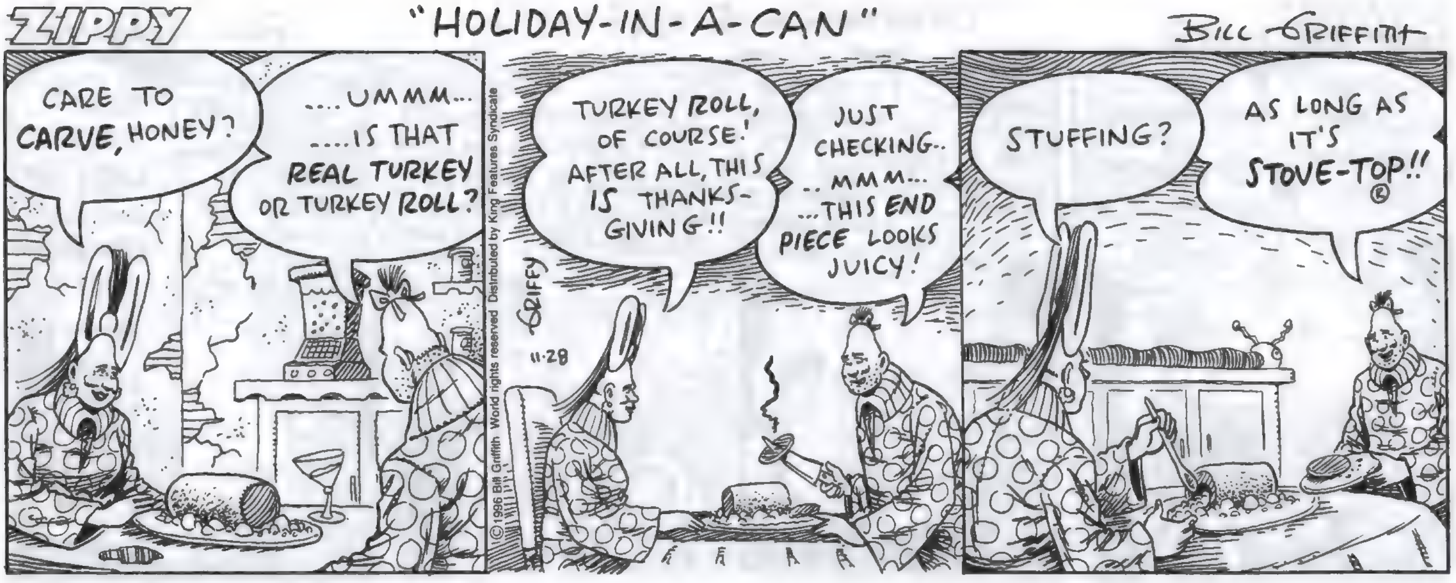
HMMM.. I DO FEEL A CERTAIN ENERGY RELEASE.. ..I'VE GOT ALL THIS TENSION STORED IN MY SHOULDERS..
JUST IMAGINE YOU'RE SLOWLY ENTERING A STATE-OF-THE-ART CAR WASH!!
GRIFFY
10-11
FEEL TH' WHIRLING BUFFERS BUFFING AWAY ALL THAT STRESS....YEARS OF ROAD TAR GENTLY WASHING AWAY..
IS THERE AN EXTRA CHARGE FOR TH' PINE-SCENTED AIR FRESHENER?


ZIPPY
"HOLIDAY-IN-A-CAN"
BILL GRIFFITH
CARE TO CARVE, HONEY?
....UMMM... ....IS THAT REAL TURKEY OR TURKEY ROLL?
TURKEY ROLL, OF COURSE! AFTER ALL, THIS IS THANKSGIVING!!
JUST CHECKING.. ..MMM... ...THIS END PIECE LOOKS JUICY!
STUFFING?
AS LONG AS IT'S STOVE-TOP!!®
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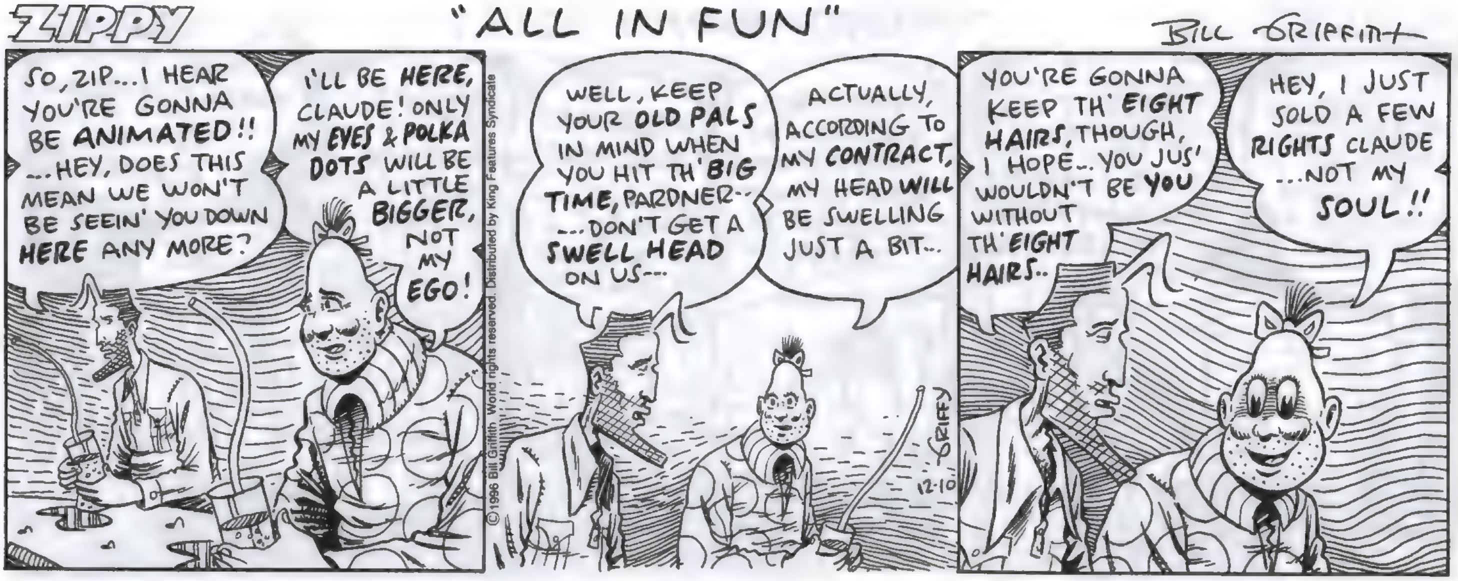
GRIFFY
11-28


ZIPPY
"ALL IN FUN"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO, ZIP...I HEAR YOU'RE GONNA BE ANIMATED!! ...HEY, DOES THIS MEAN WE WON'T BE SEEIN' YOU DOWN HERE ANY MORE?
I'LL BE HERE, CLAUDE! ONLY MY EYES & POLKA DOTS WILL BE A LITTLE BIGGER, NOT MY EGO!
WELL, KEEP YOUR OLD PALS IN MIND WHEN YOU HIT TH' BIG TIME, PARDNER-- ...DON'T GET A SWELL HEAD ON US---
ACTUALLY, ACCORDING TO MY CONTRACT, MY HEAD WILL BE SWELLING JUST A BIT...
YOU'RE GONNA KEEP TH' EIGHT HAIRS, THOUGH, I HOPE.. YOU JUS' WOULDN'T BE YOU WITHOUT TH' EIGHT HAIRS..
HEY, I JUST SOLD A FEW RIGHTS CLAUDE ...NOT MY SOUL!!
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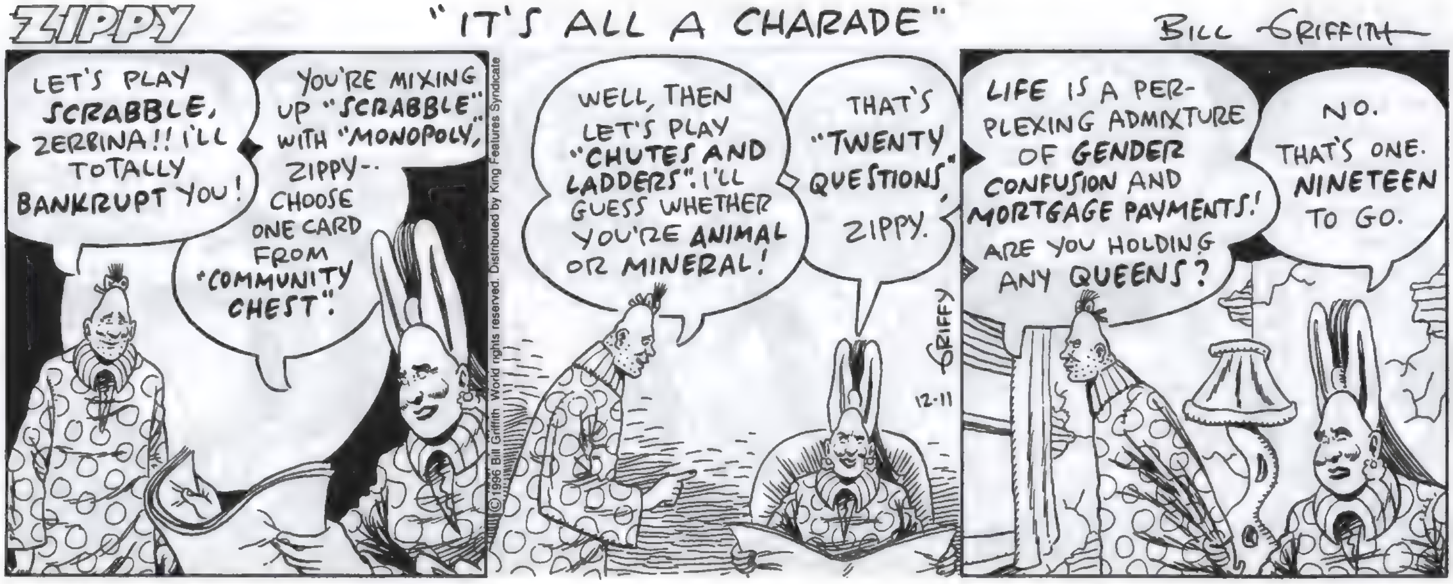
GRIFFY
12-10


ZIPPY
"IT'S ALL A CHARADE"
BILL GRIFFITH
LET'S PLAY SCRABBLE, ZERBINA!! I'LL TOTALLY BANKRUPT YOU!
YOU'RE MIXING UP "SCRABBLE" WITH "MONOPOLY," ZIPPY-- CHOOSE ONE CARD FROM "COMMUNITY CHEST".
WELL, THEN LET'S PLAY "CHUTES AND LADDERS". I'LL GUESS WHETHER YOU'RE ANIMAL OR MINERAL!
THAT'S "TWENTY QUESTIONS," ZIPPY.
LIFE IS A PERPLEXING ADMIXTURE OF GENDER CONFUSION AND MORTGAGE PAYMENTS! ARE YOU HOLDING ANY QUEENS?
NO. THAT'S ONE. NINETEEN TO GO.
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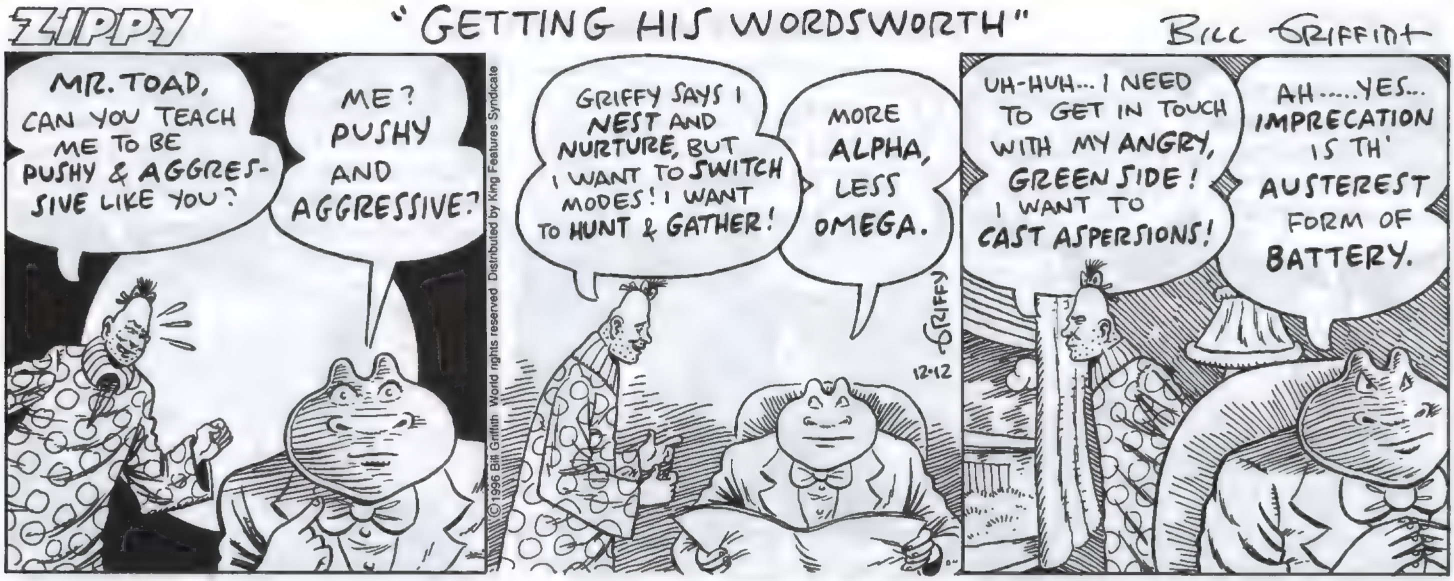
GRIFFY
12-11


ZIPPY
"GETTING HIS WORDSWORTH"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, CAN YOU TEACH ME TO BE PUSHY & AGGRESSIVE LIKE YOU?
ME? PUSHY AND AGGRESSIVE?
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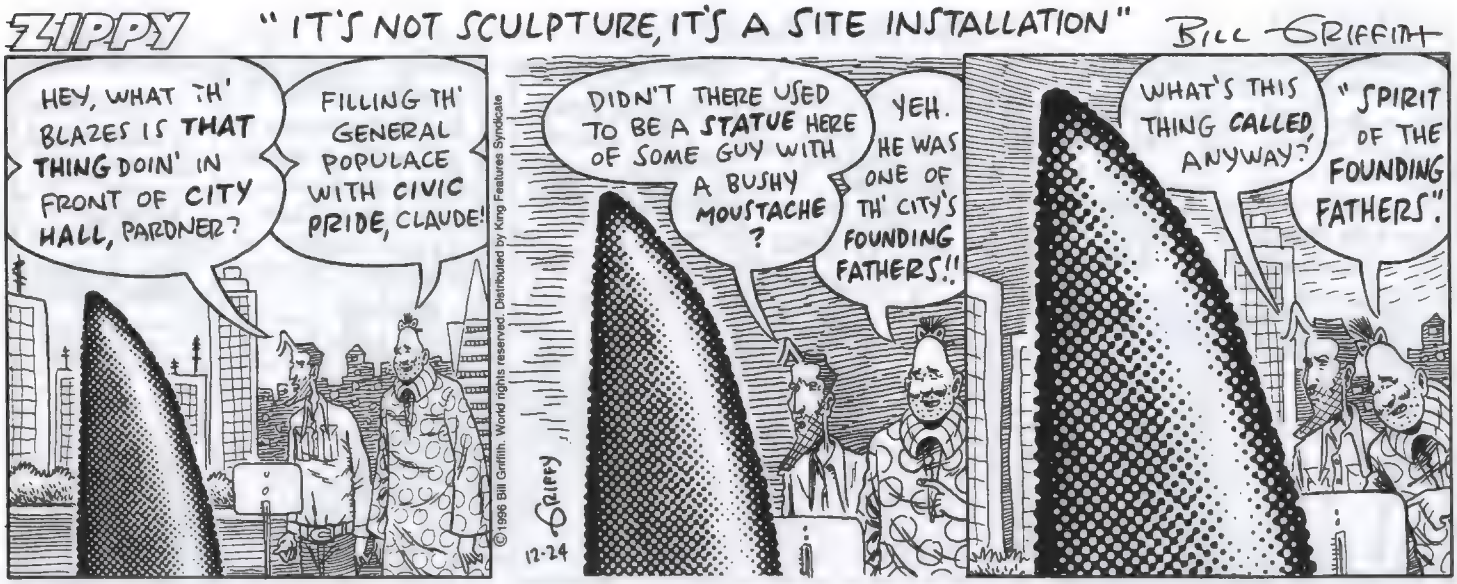
GRIFFY SAYS I NEST AND NURTURE, BUT I WANT TO SWITCH MODES! I WANT TO HUNT & GATHER!
MORE ALPHA, LESS OMEGA.
GRIFFY
12-12
UH-HUH... I NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MY ANGRY, GREEN SIDE! I WANT TO CAST ASPERSIONS!
AH.....YES... IMPRECATION IS TH' AUSTEREST FORM OF BATTERY.


ZIPPY
"IT'S NOT SCULPTURE, IT'S A SITE INSTALLATION"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, WHAT TH' BLAZES IS THAT THING DOIN' IN FRONT OF CITY HALL, PARDNER?
FILLING TH' GENERAL POPULACE WITH CIVIC PRIDE, CLAUDE!
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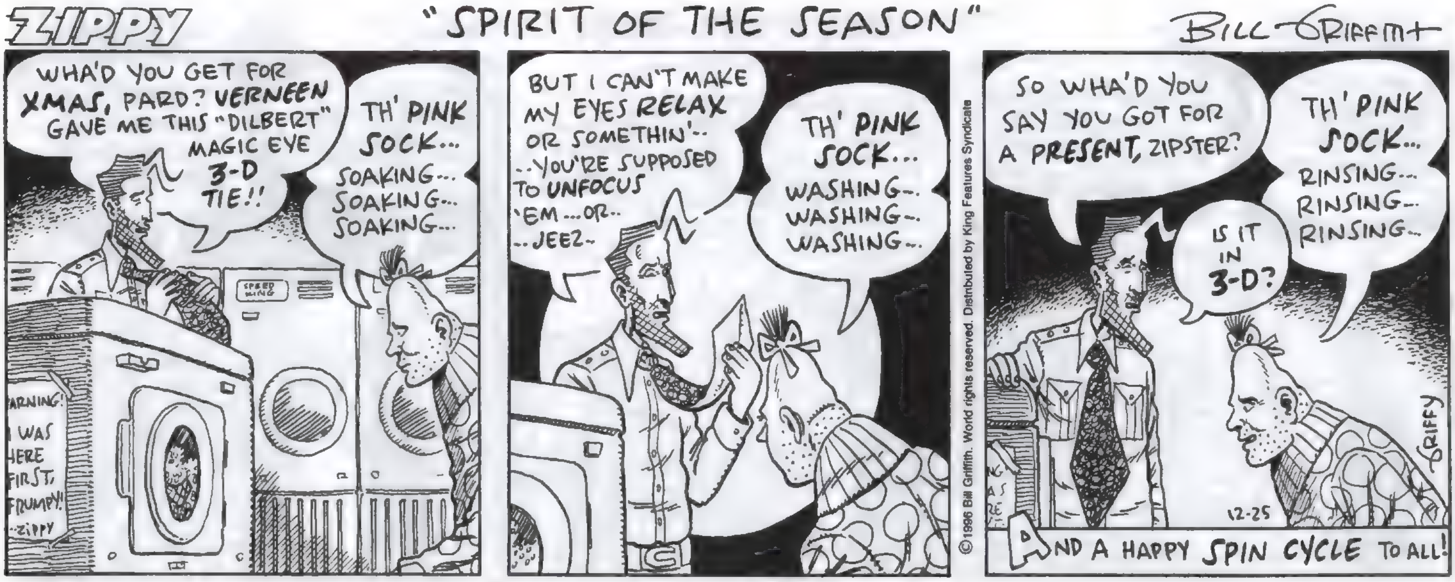
GRIFFY
12-24
DIDN'T THERE USED TO BE A STATUE HERE OF SOME GUY WITH A BUSHY MOUSTACHE?
YEH. HE WAS ONE OF TH' CITY'S FOUNDING FATHERS!!
WHAT'S THIS THING CALLED, ANYWAY?
"SPIRIT OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS".


ZIPPY
"SPIRIT OF THE SEASON"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHA'D YOU GET FOR XMAS, PARD? VERNEEN GAVE ME THIS "DILBERT" MAGIC EYE 3-D TIE!!
TH' PINK SOCK... SOAKING... SOAKING... SOAKING...
SPEED KING
ARNING! I WAS HERE FIRST, FRUMPY!! --ZIPPY
BUT I CAN'T MAKE MY EYES RELAX OR SOMETHIN'-- ..YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO UNFOCUS 'EM....OR.. ...JEEZ~
TH' PINK SOCK... WASHING-- WASHING-- WASHING--
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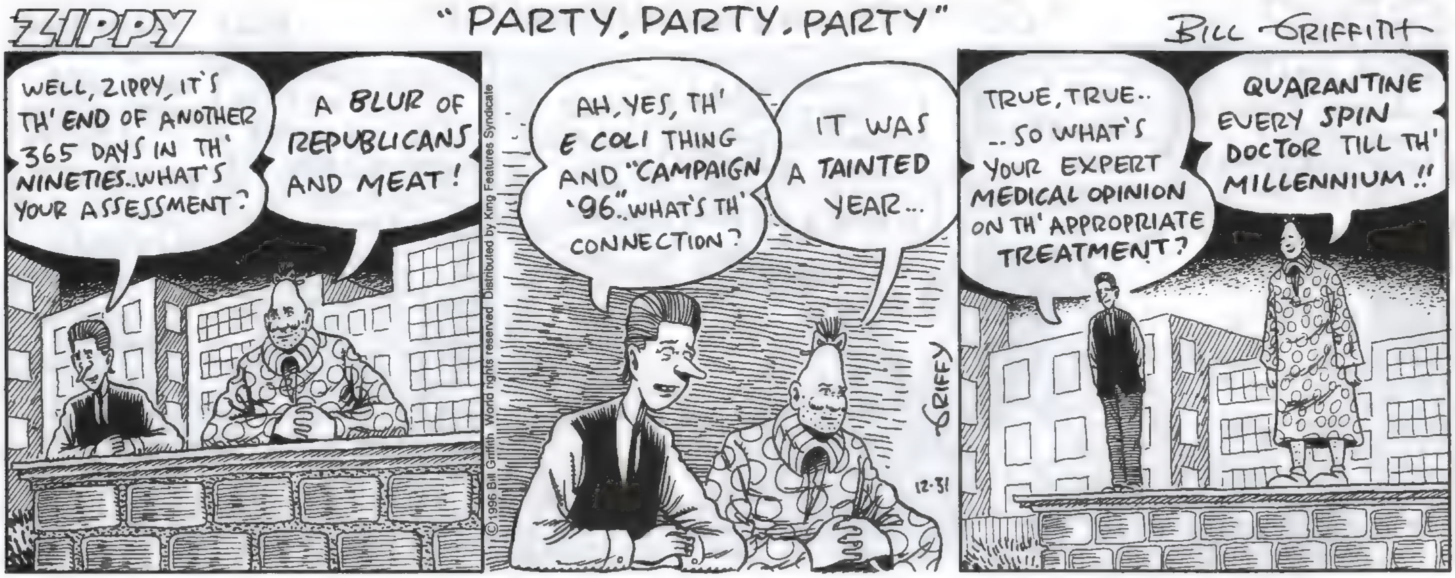
SO WHA'D YOU SAY YOU GOT FOR A PRESENT, ZIPSTER?
IS IT IN 3-D?
TH' PINK SOCK... RINSING... RINSING... RINSING...
GRIFFY
12-25
AND A HAPPY SPIN CYCLE TO ALL!


ZIPPY
"PARTY, PARTY, PARTY"
BILL GRIFFITH
WELL, ZIPPY, IT'S TH' END OF ANOTHER 365 DAYS IN TH' NINETIES..WHAT'S YOUR ASSESSMENT?
A BLUR OF REPUBLICANS AND MEAT!
AH, YES, TH' E COLI THING AND "CAMPAIGN '96".. WHAT'S TH' CONNECTION?
IT WAS A TAINTED YEAR...
GRIFFY
12-31
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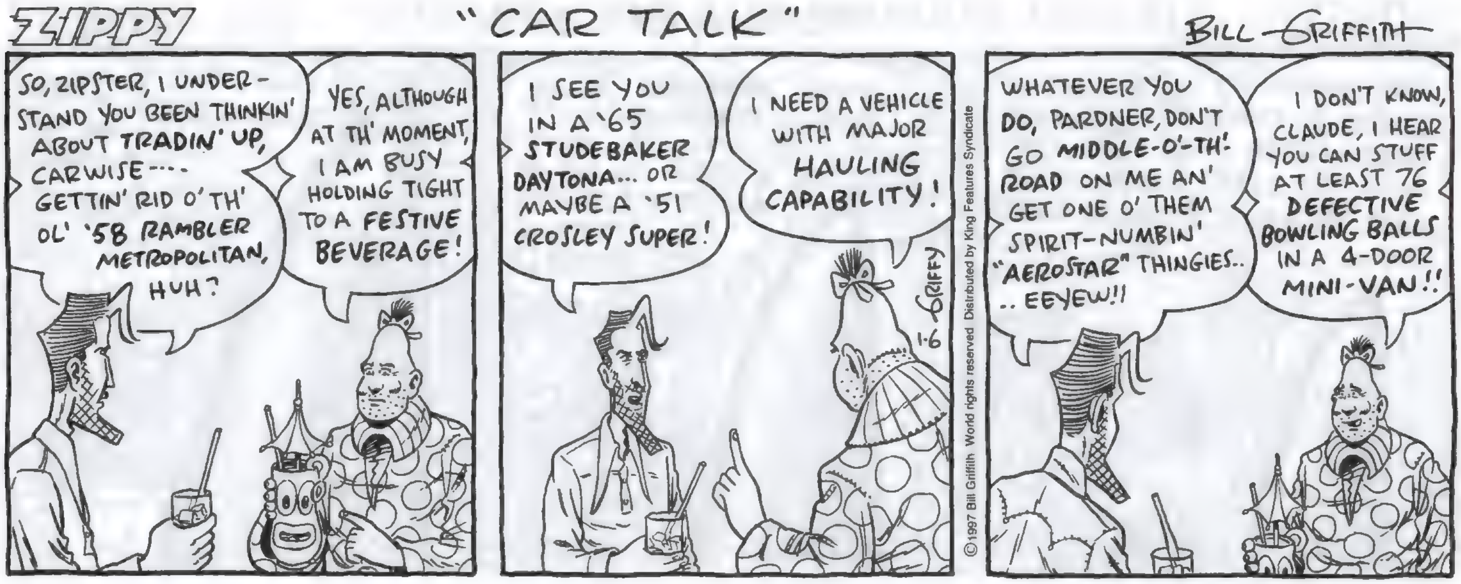
TRUE, TRUE.. ..SO WHAT'S YOUR EXPERT MEDICAL OPINION ON TH' APPROPRIATE TREATMENT?
QUARANTINE EVERY SPIN DOCTOR TILL TH' MILLENNIUM!!


ZIPPY
"CAR TALK"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO, ZIPSTER, I UNDERSTAND YOU BEEN THINKIN' ABOUT TRADIN' UP, CARWISE---- GETTIN' RID O' TH' OL' '58 RAMBLER METROPOLITAN, HUH?
YES, ALTHOUGH AT TH' MOMENT, I AM BUSY HOLDING TIGHT TO A FESTIVE BEVERAGE!
I SEE YOU IN A '65 STUDEBAKER DAYTONA... OR MAYBE A '51 CROSLEY SUPER!
I NEED A VEHICLE WITH MAJOR HAULING CAPABILITY!
GRIFFY
1-6
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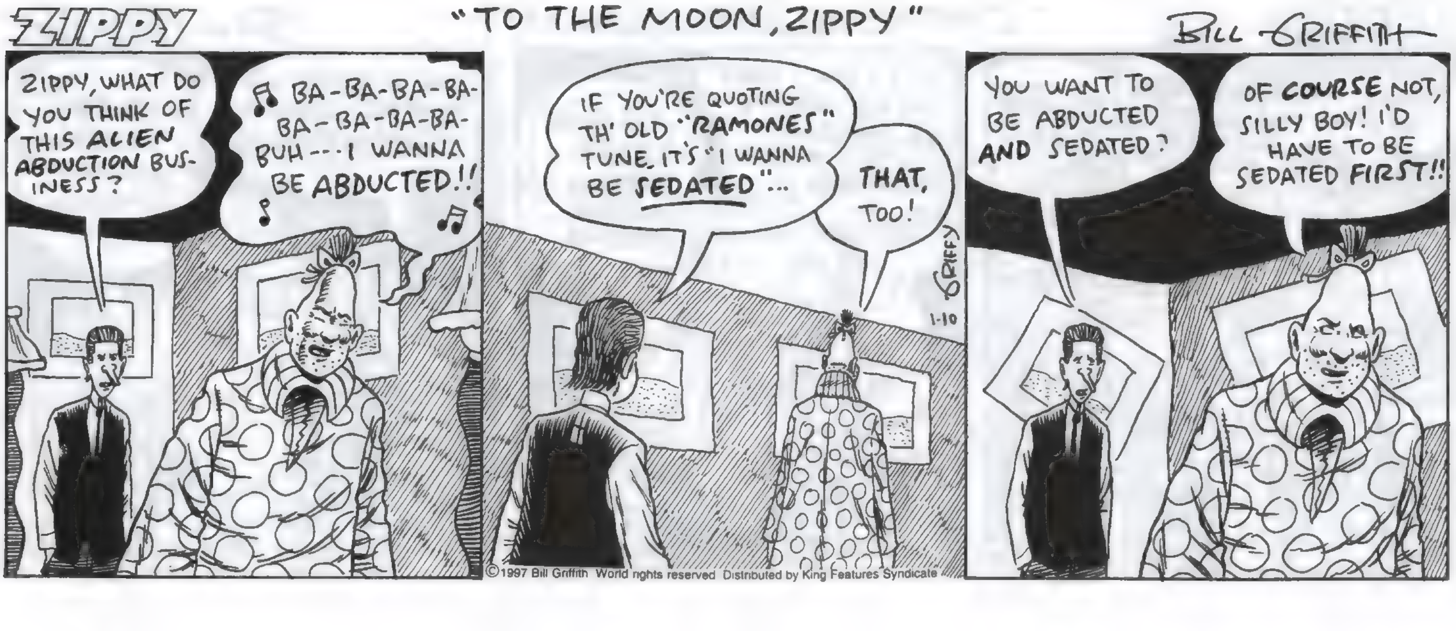
WHATEVER YOU DO, PARDNER, DON'T GO MIDDLE-O'-TH'-ROAD ON ME AN' GET ONE O' THEM SPIRIT-NUMBIN' "AEROSTAR" THINGIES.. ..EEYEW!!
I DON'T KNOW, CLAUDE, I HEAR YOU CAN STUFF AT LEAST 76 DEFECTIVE BOWLING BALLS IN A 4-DOOR MINI-VAN!!


ZIPPY
"TO THE MOON, ZIPPY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ALIEN ABDUCTION BUSINESS?
♫ BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-BUH---I WANNA BE ABDUCTED!! ♪ ♫
IF YOU'RE QUOTING TH' OLD "RAMONES" TUNE, IT'S "I WANNA BE SEDATED"...
THAT, TOO!
GRIFFY
1-10
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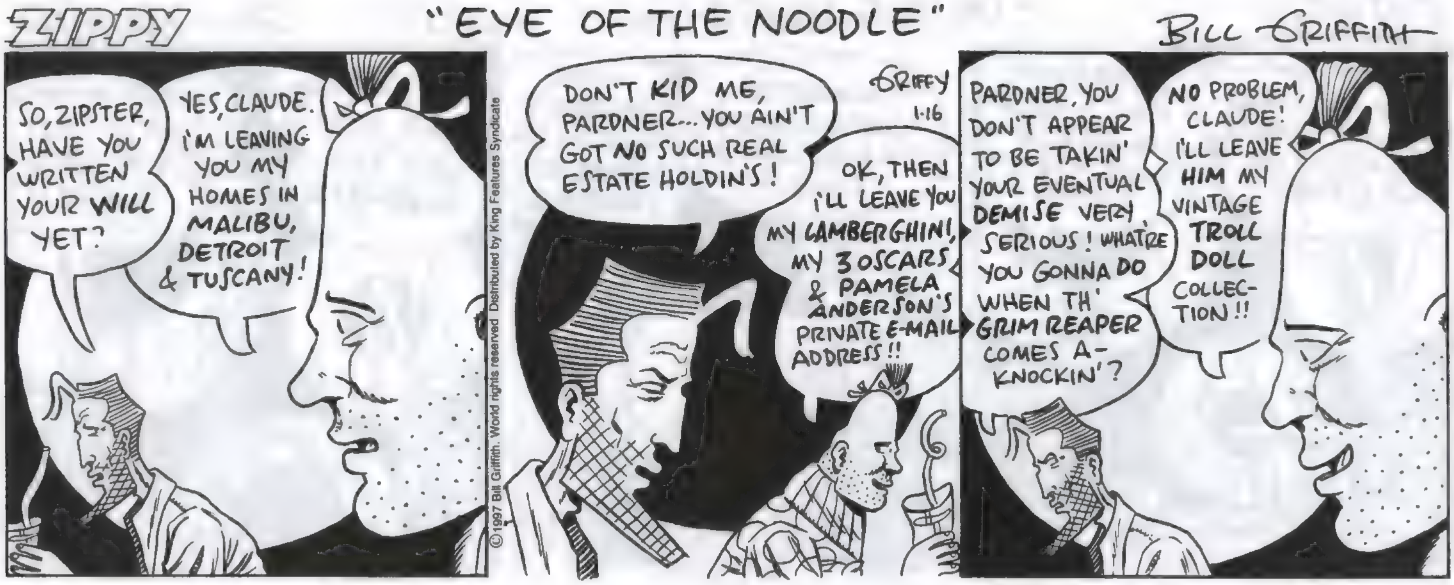
YOU WANT TO BE ABDUCTED AND SEDATED?
OF COURSE NOT, SILLY BOY! I'D HAVE TO BE SEDATED FIRST!!


ZIPPY
"EYE OF THE NOODLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO, ZIPSTER, HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR WILL YET?
YES, CLAUDE. I'M LEAVING YOU MY HOMES IN MALIBU, DETROIT & TUSCANY!
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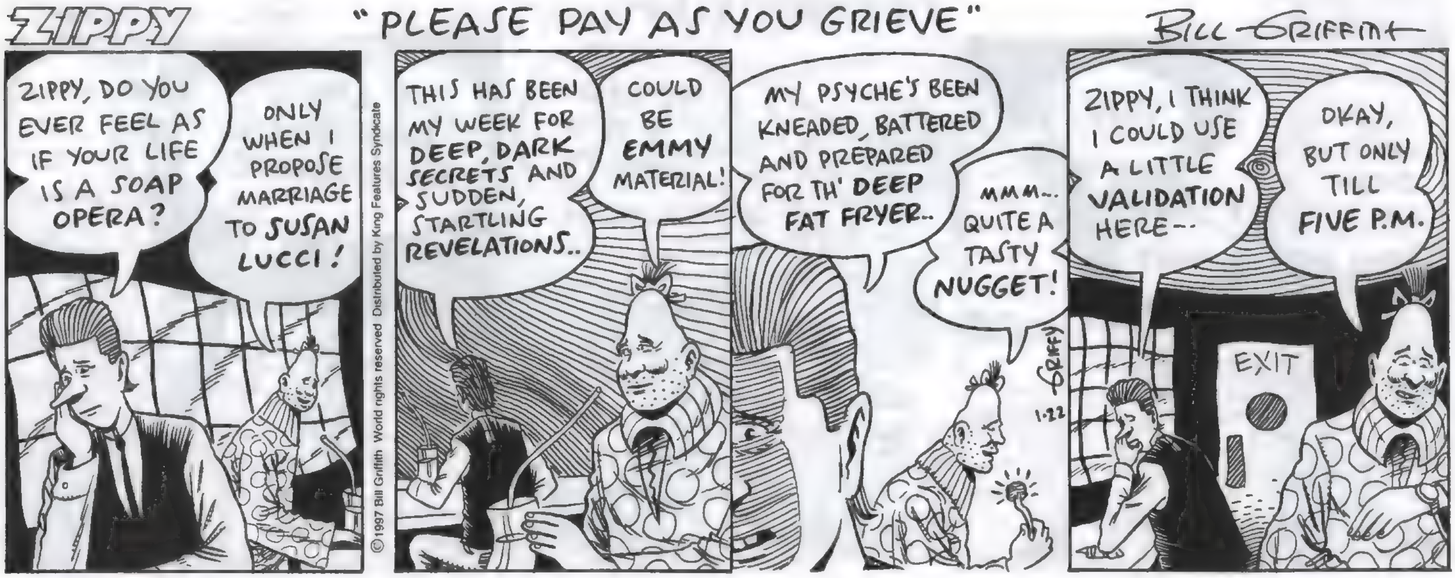
DON'T KID ME, PARDNER... YOU AIN'T GOT NO SUCH REAL ESTATE HOLDIN'S!
GRIFFY 1-16
OK, THEN I'LL LEAVE YOU MY LAMBERGHINI, MY 3 OSCARS & PAMELA ANDERSON'S PRIVATE E-MAIL ADDRESS!!
PARDNER, YOU DON'T APPEAR TO BE TAKIN' YOUR EVENTUAL DEMISE VERY SERIOUS! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO WHEN TH' GRIM REAPER COMES A-KNOCKIN'?
NO PROBLEM, CLAUDE! I'LL LEAVE HIM MY VINTAGE TROLL DOLL COLLECTION!!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"PLEASE PAY AS YOU GRIEVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DO YOU EVER FEEL AS IF YOUR LIFE IS A SOAP OPERA?
ONLY WHEN I PROPOSE MARRIAGE TO SUSAN LUCCI!
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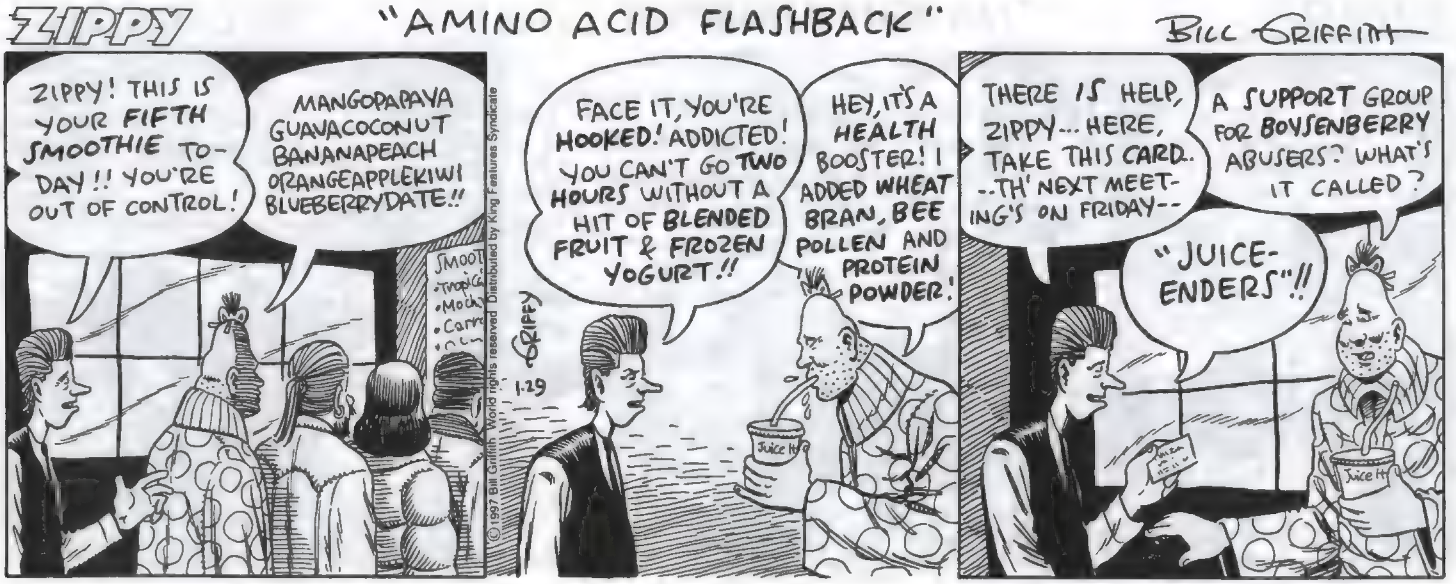
THIS HAS BEEN MY WEEK FOR DEEP, DARK SECRETS AND SUDDEN, STARTLING REVELATIONS..
COULD BE EMMY MATERIAL!
MY PSYCHE'S BEEN KNEADED, BATTERED AND PREPARED FOR TH' DEEP FAT FRYER..
MMM... QUITE A TASTY NUGGET!
GRIFFY 1-22
ZIPPY, I THINK I COULD USE A LITTLE VALIDATION HERE--
OKAY, BUT ONLY TILL FIVE P.M.
EXIT


ZIPPY
"AMINO ACID FLASHBACK"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! THIS IS YOUR FIFTH SMOOTHIE TO-DAY!! YOU'RE OUT OF CONTROL!
MANGOPAPAYA GUAVACOCONUT BANANAPEACH ORANGEAPPLEKIWI BLUEBERRYDATE!!
SMOOT -Tropic -Moch -Carro
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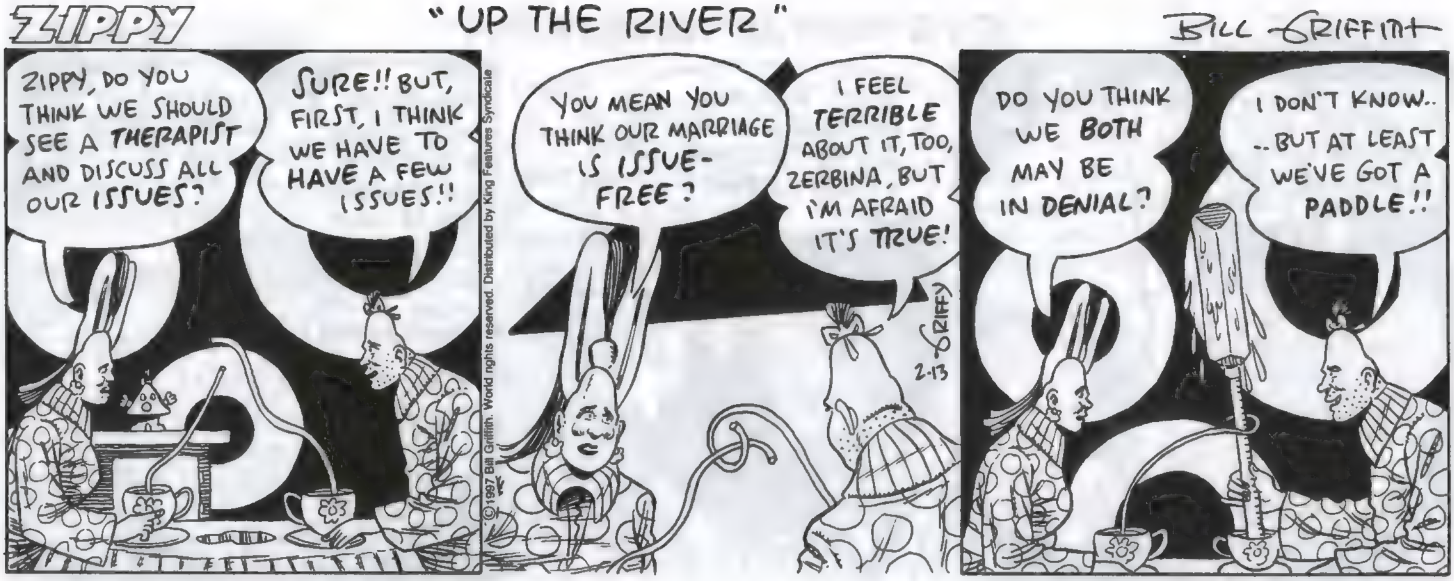
GRIFFY 1-29
FACE IT, YOU'RE HOOKED! ADDICTED! YOU CAN'T GO TWO HOURS WITHOUT A HIT OF BLENDED FRUIT & FROZEN YOGURT!!
HEY, IT'S A HEALTH BOOSTER! I ADDED WHEAT BRAN, BEE POLLEN AND PROTEIN POWDER!
Juice It
THERE IS HELP, ZIPPY... HERE, TAKE THIS CARD. --TH' NEXT MEETING'S ON FRIDAY--
A SUPPORT GROUP FOR BOYSENBERRY ABUSERS? WHAT'S IT CALLED?
"JUICE-ENDERS"!!
Juice It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"UP THE RIVER"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD SEE A THERAPIST AND DISCUSS ALL OUR ISSUES?
SURE!! BUT, FIRST, I THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE A FEW ISSUES!!
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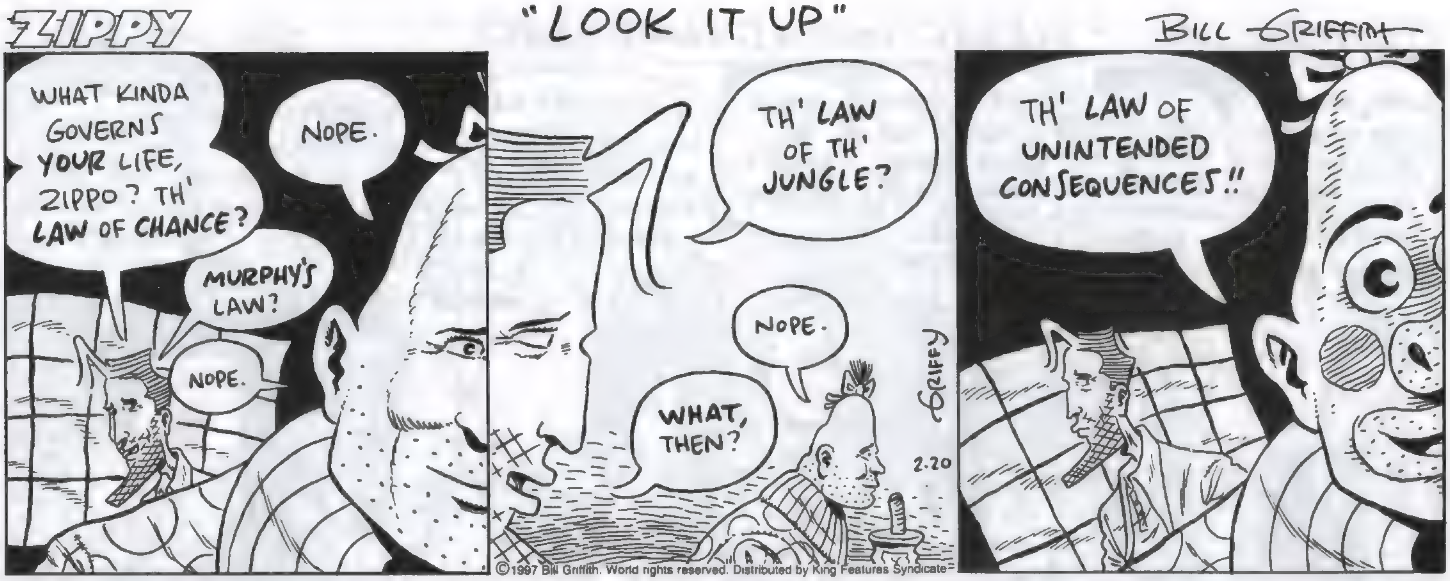
YOU MEAN YOU THINK OUR MARRIAGE IS ISSUE-FREE?
I FEEL TERRIBLE ABOUT IT, TOO, ZERBINA, BUT I'M AFRAID IT'S TRUE!
GRIFFY
2-13
DO YOU THINK WE BOTH MAY BE IN DENIAL?
I DON'T KNOW.. ..BUT AT LEAST WE'VE GOT A PADDLE!!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"LOOK IT UP"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT KINDA GOVERNS YOUR LIFE, ZIPPO? TH' LAW OF CHANCE?
NOPE.
MURPHY'S LAW?
NOPE.
TH' LAW OF TH' JUNGLE?
NOPE.
WHAT, THEN?
GRIFFY
2-20
TH' LAW OF UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES!!
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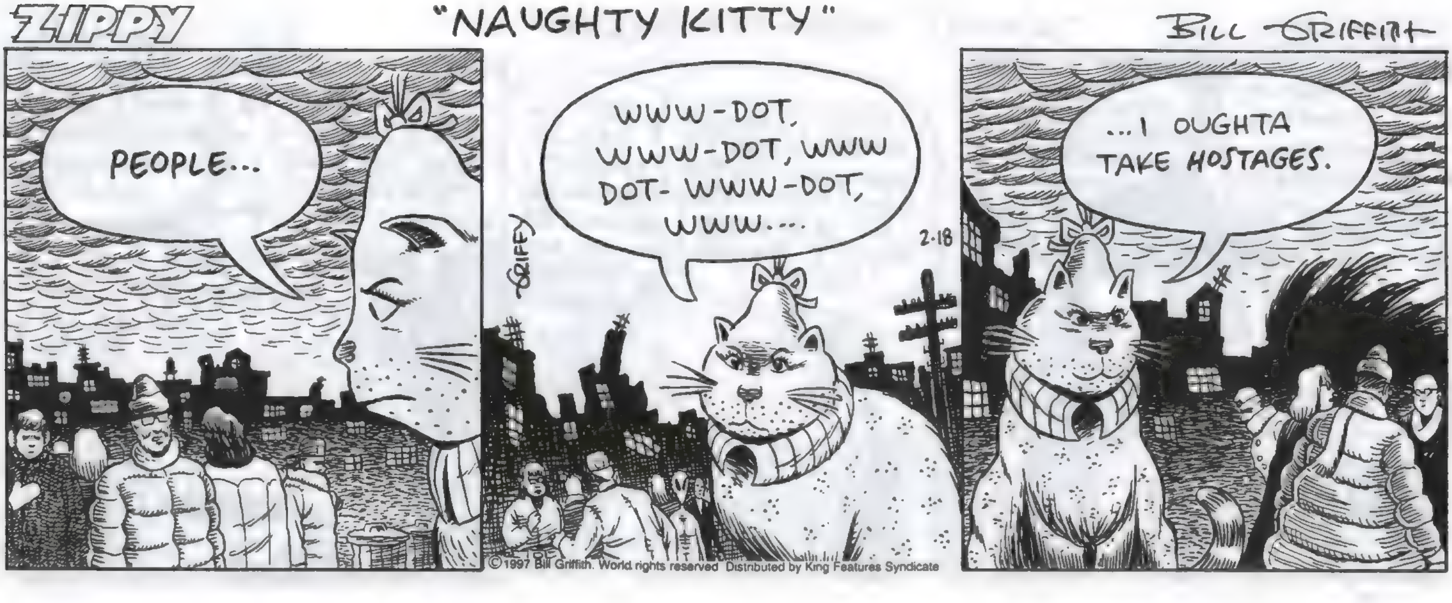
ZIPPY
"NAUGHTY KITTY"
BILL GRIFFITH
PEOPLE...
WWW-DOT, WWW-DOT, WWW DOT-WWW-DOT, WWW....
GRIFFY
2-18
...I OUGHTA TAKE HOSTAGES.
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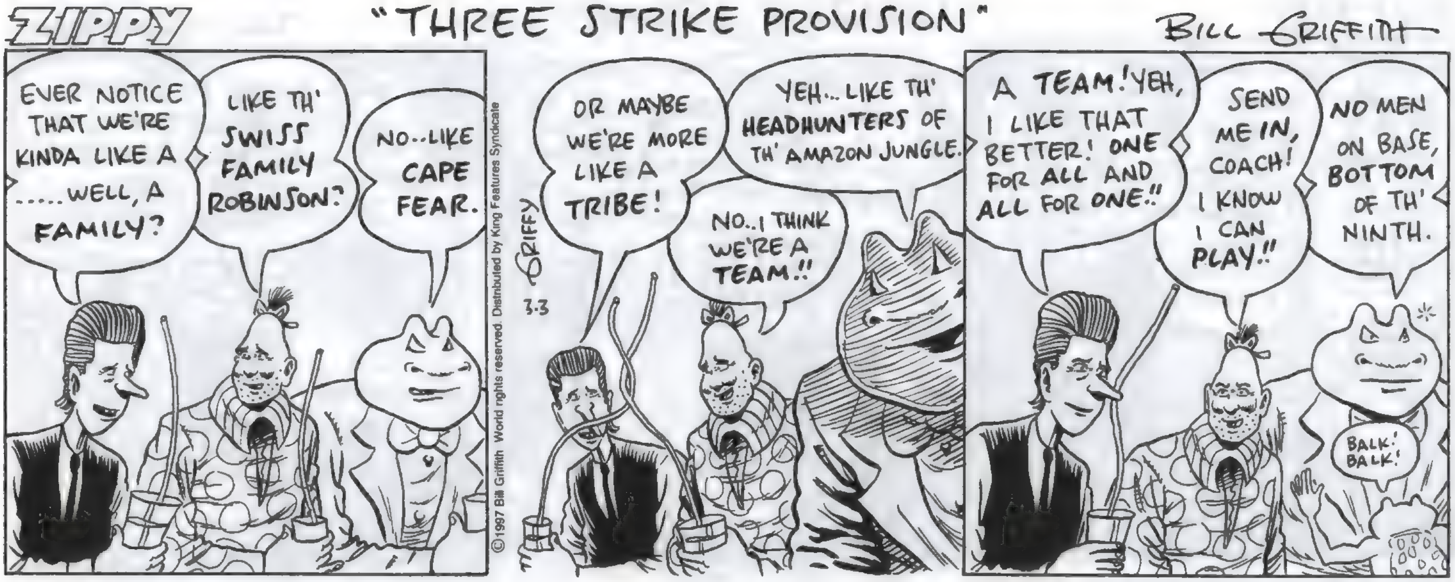
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"THREE STRIKE PROVISION"
BILL GRIFFITH
EVER NOTICE THAT WE'RE KINDA LIKE A .....WELL, A FAMILY?
LIKE TH' SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON?
NO..LIKE CAPE FEAR.
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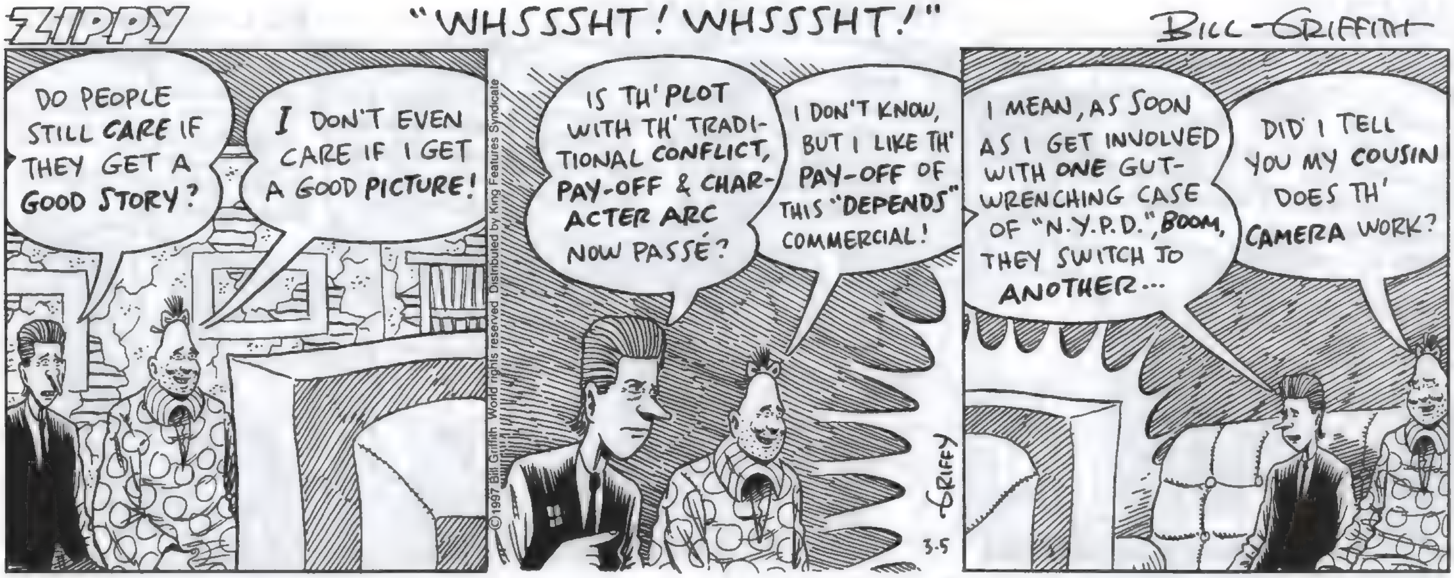
GRIFFY 3-3
OR MAYBE WE'RE MORE LIKE A TRIBE!
YEH... LIKE TH' HEADHUNTERS OF TH' AMAZON JUNGLE.
NO..I THINK WE'RE A TEAM!!
A TEAM! YEH, I LIKE THAT BETTER! ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE!!
SEND ME IN, COACH! I KNOW I CAN PLAY!!
NO MEN ON BASE, BOTTOM OF TH' NINTH.
BALK! BALK!


ZIPPY
"WHSSSHT! WHSSSHT!"
BILL GRIFFITH
DO PEOPLE STILL CARE IF THEY GET A GOOD STORY?
I DON'T EVEN CARE IF I GET A GOOD PICTURE!
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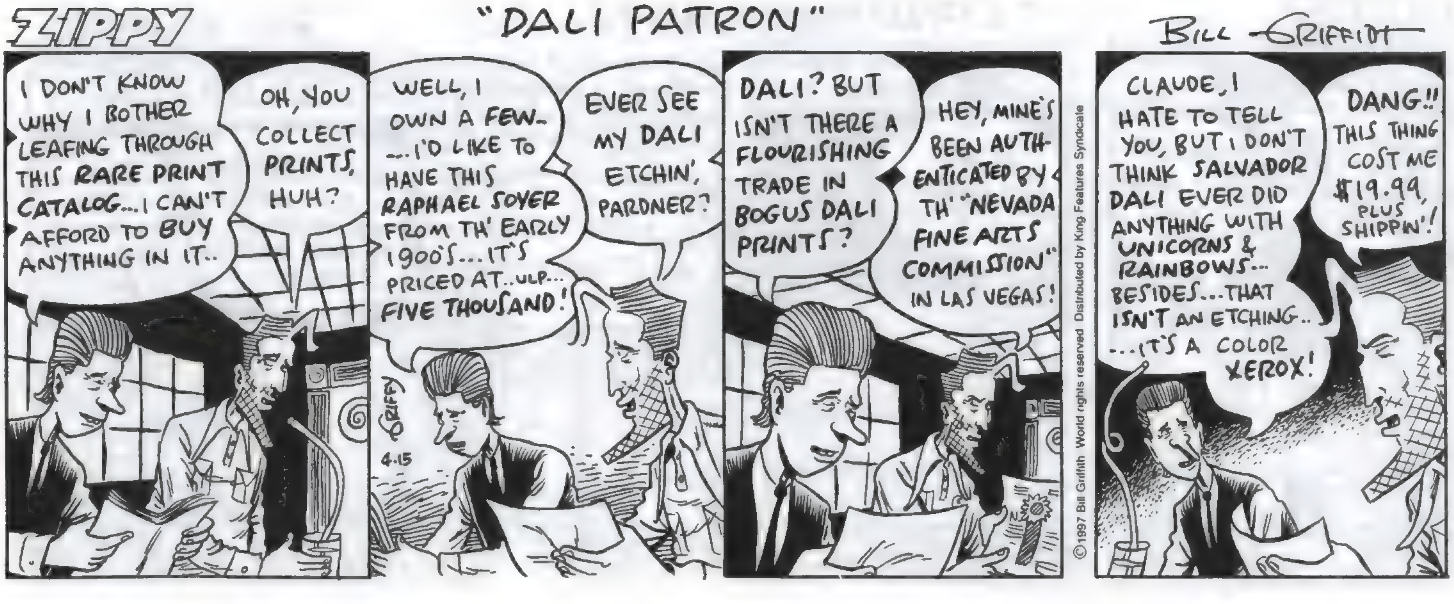
IS TH' PLOT WITH TH' TRADITIONAL CONFLICT, PAY-OFF & CHARACTER ARC NOW PASSÉ?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I LIKE TH' PAY-OFF OF THIS "DEPENDS" COMMERCIAL!
GRIFFY 3-5
I MEAN, AS SOON AS I GET INVOLVED WITH ONE GUT-WRENCHING CASE OF "N.Y.P.D.", BOOM, THEY SWITCH TO ANOTHER...
DID I TELL YOU MY COUSIN DOES TH' CAMERA WORK?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"DALI PATRON"
BILL GRIFFITH
I DON'T KNOW WHY I BOTHER LEAFING THROUGH THIS RARE PRINT CATALOG... I CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY ANYTHING IN IT..
OH, YOU COLLECT PRINTS, HUH?
WELL, I OWN A FEW.. ...I'D LIKE TO HAVE THIS RAPHAEL SOYER FROM TH' EARLY 1900'S... IT'S PRICED AT..ULP... FIVE THOUSAND!
EVER SEE MY DALI ETCHIN', PARDNER?
GRIFFY 4-15
DALI? BUT ISN'T THERE A FLOURISHING TRADE IN BOGUS DALI PRINTS?
HEY, MINE'S BEEN AUTHENTICATED BY TH' "NEVADA FINE ARTS COMMISSION" IN LAS VEGAS!
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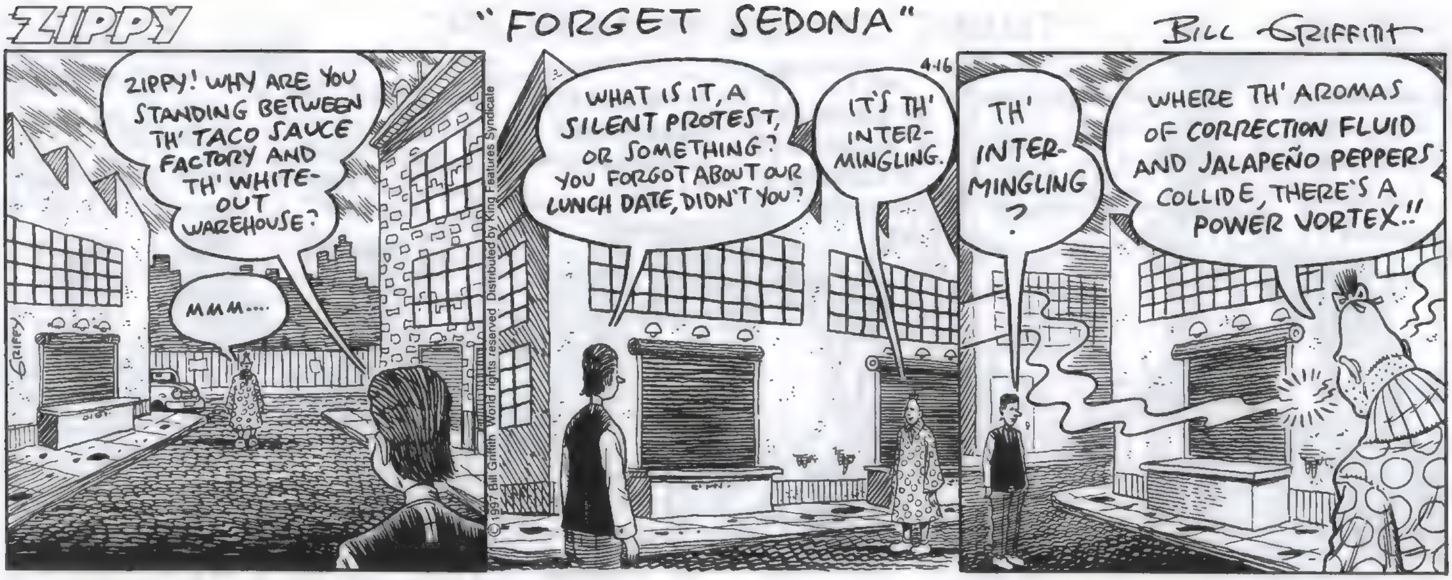
CLAUDE, I HATE TO TELL YOU, BUT I DON'T THINK SALVADOR DALI EVER DID ANYTHING WITH UNICORNS & RAINBOWS... BESIDES... THAT ISN'T AN ETCHING.. ...IT'S A COLOR XEROX!
DANG!! THIS THING COST ME $19.99, PLUS SHIPPIN'!


ZIPPY
"FORGET SEDONA"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! WHY ARE YOU STANDING BETWEEN TH' TACO SAUCE FACTORY AND TH' WHITE-OUT WAREHOUSE?
MMM....
GRIFFY
WHAT IS IT, A SILENT PROTEST, OR SOMETHING? YOU FORGOT ABOUT OUR LUNCH DATE, DIDN'T YOU?
4-16
IT'S TH' INTER-MINGLING.
TH' INTER-MINGLING?
WHERE TH' AROMAS OF CORRECTION FLUID AND JALAPEÑO PEPPERS COLLIDE, THERE'S A POWER VORTEX!!
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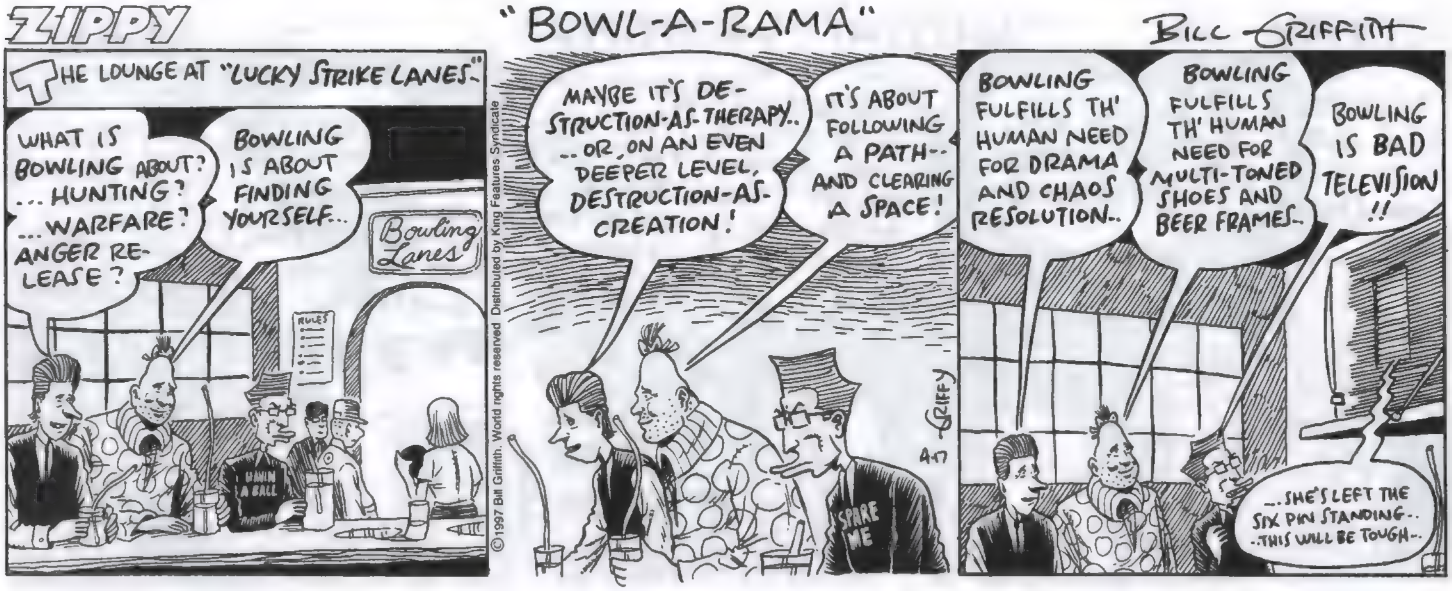
ZIPPY
"BOWL-A-RAMA"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE LOUNGE AT "LUCKY STRIKE LANES"
WHAT IS BOWLING ABOUT? ... HUNTING? ... WARFARE? ANGER RELEASE?
BOWLING IS ABOUT FINDING YOURSELF...
Bowling Lanes
RULES
HAVIN A BALL
MAYBE IT'S DESTRUCTION-AS-THERAPY.. ..OR, ON AN EVEN DEEPER LEVEL, DESTRUCTION-AS-CREATION!
IT'S ABOUT FOLLOWING A PATH-- AND CLEARING A SPACE!
GRIFFY
4-17
SPARE ME
BOWLING FULFILLS TH' HUMAN NEED FOR DRAMA AND CHAOS RESOLUTION..
BOWLING FULFILLS TH' HUMAN NEED FOR MULTI-TONED SHOES AND BEER FRAMES..
BOWLING IS BAD TELEVISION!!
...SHE'S LEFT THE SIX PIN STANDING.. ..THIS WILL BE TOUGH..
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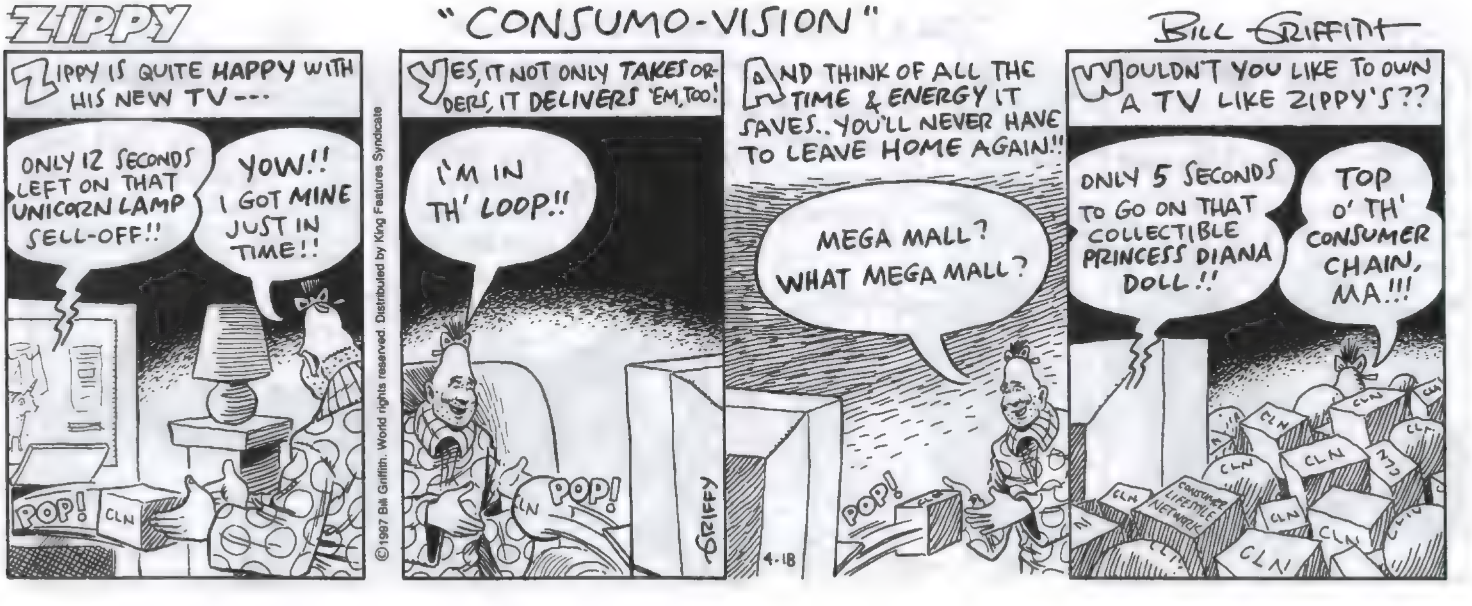
ZIPPY
"CONSUMO-VISION"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY IS QUITE HAPPY WITH HIS NEW TV---
ONLY 12 SECONDS LEFT ON THAT UNICORN LAMP SELL-OFF!!
YOW!! I GOT MINE JUST IN TIME!!
POP!
CLN
YES, IT NOT ONLY TAKES ORDERS, IT DELIVERS 'EM, TOO!
I'M IN TH' LOOP!!
POP!
GRIFFY
AND THINK OF ALL THE TIME & ENERGY IT SAVES.. YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO LEAVE HOME AGAIN!!
MEGA MALL? WHAT MEGA MALL?
POP!
4-18
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO OWN A TV LIKE ZIPPY'S??
ONLY 5 SECONDS TO GO ON THAT COLLECTIBLE PRINCESS DIANA DOLL!!
TOP O' TH' CONSUMER CHAIN, MA!!!
CONSUMER LIFESTYLE NETWORK
CLN
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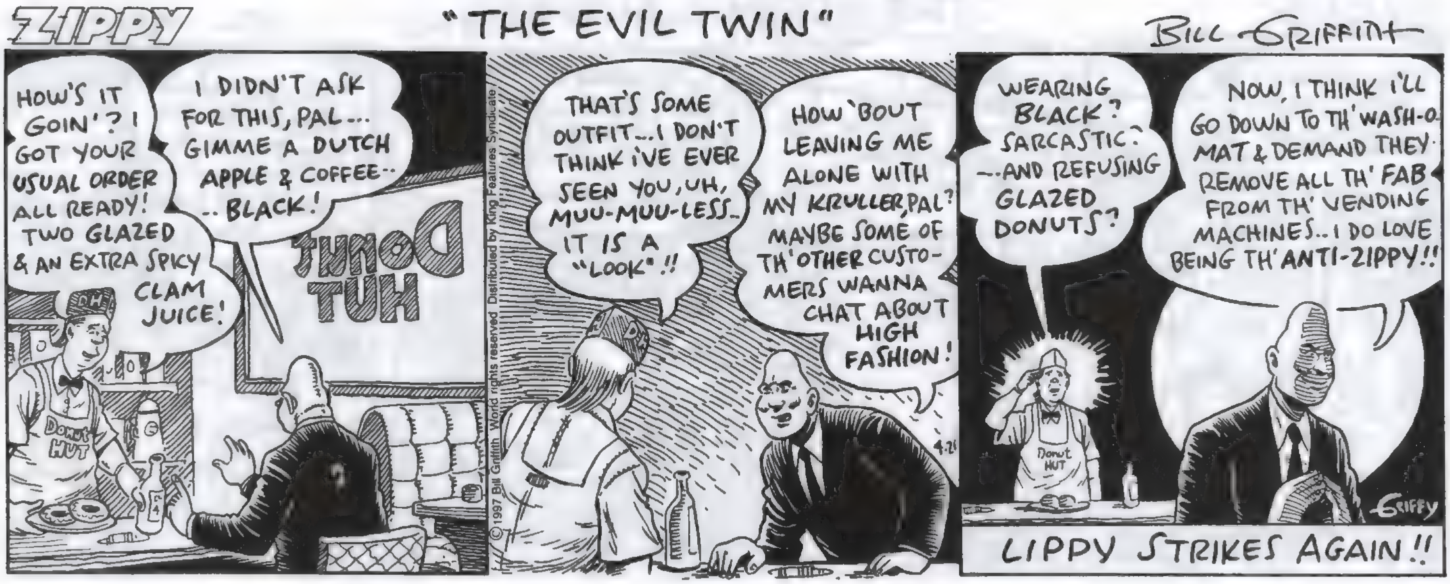
ZIPPY
"THE EVIL TWIN"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW'S IT GOIN'? I GOT YOUR USUAL ORDER ALL READY! TWO GLAZED & AN EXTRA SPICY CLAM JUICE!
I DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS, PAL... GIMME A DUTCH APPLE & COFFEE -- -- BLACK!
DONUT HUT
DONUT HUT
THAT'S SOME OUTFIT... I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN YOU, UH, MUU-MUU-LESS.. IT IS A "LOOK"!!
HOW 'BOUT LEAVING ME ALONE WITH MY KRULLER, PAL? MAYBE SOME OF TH' OTHER CUSTOMERS WANNA CHAT ABOUT HIGH FASHION!
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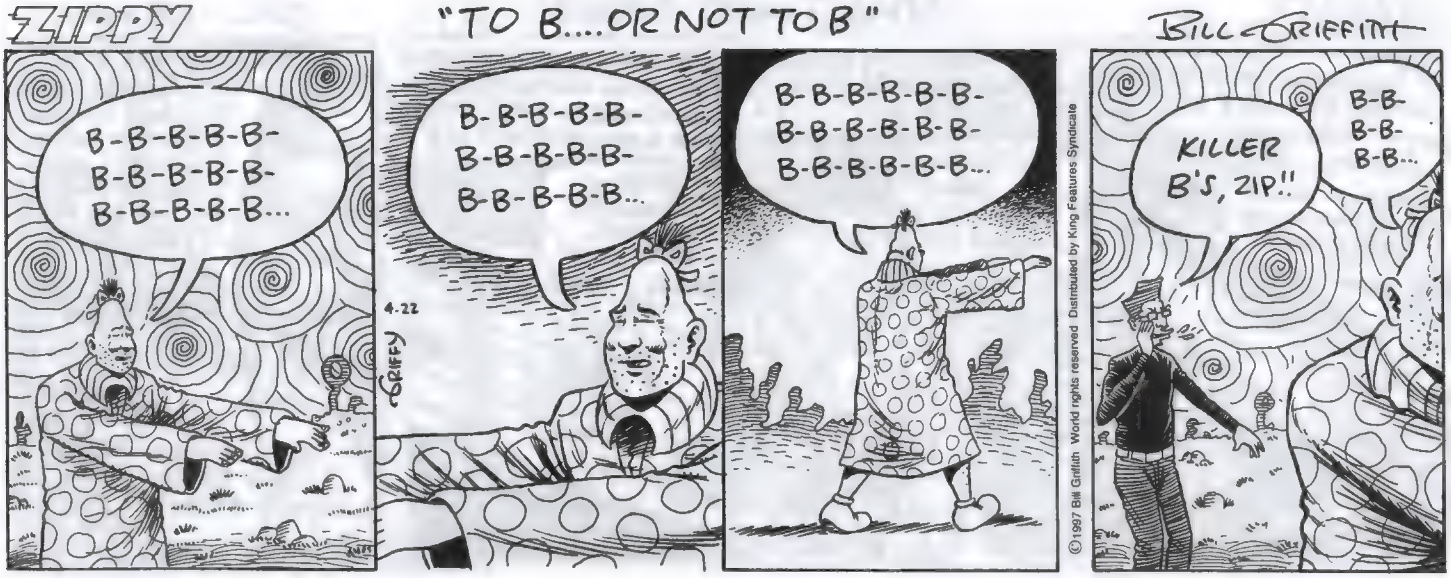
4-21
WEARING BLACK? SARCASTIC? --AND REFUSING GLAZED DONUTS?
NOW, I THINK I'LL GO DOWN TO TH' WASH-O-MAT & DEMAND THEY REMOVE ALL TH' FAB FROM TH' VENDING MACHINES... I DO LOVE BEING TH' ANTI-ZIPPY!!
Donut HUT
GRIFFY
LIPPY STRIKES AGAIN!!


ZIPPY
"TO B....OR NOT TO B"
BILL GRIFFITH
B-B-B-B-B- B-B-B-B-B- B-B-B-B-B...
4-22
GRIFFY
B-B-B-B-B- B-B-B-B-B- B-B-B-B-B...
B-B-B-B-B-B- B-B-B-B-B-B- B-B-B-B-B-B...
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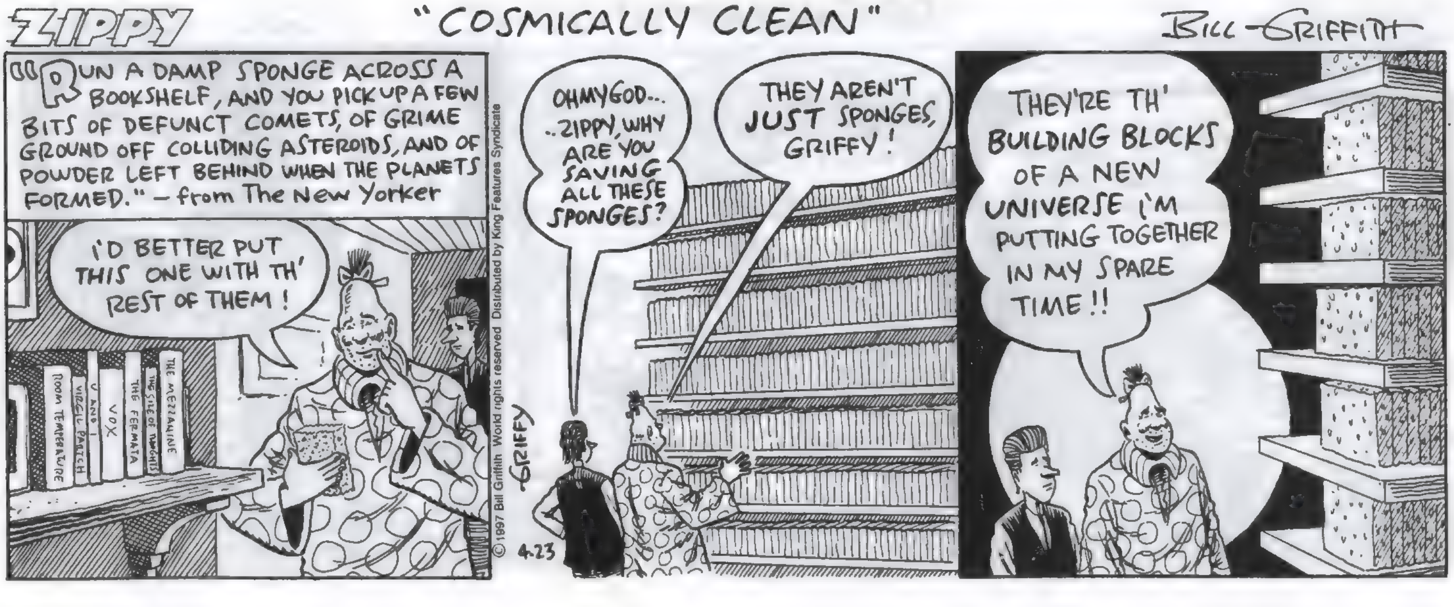
KILLER B'S, ZIP!!
B-B- B-B- B-B...


ZIPPY
"COSMICALLY CLEAN"
BILL GRIFFITH
"RUN A DAMP SPONGE ACROSS A BOOKSHELF, AND YOU PICK UP A FEW BITS OF DEFUNCT COMETS, OF GRIME GROUND OFF COLLIDING ASTEROIDS, AND OF POWDER LEFT BEHIND WHEN THE PLANETS FORMED." – from The New Yorker
I'D BETTER PUT THIS ONE WITH TH' REST OF THEM!
ROOM TEMPERATURE
VIRGIL PARTCH
U AND I
VOX
THE FERMATA
THE SIZE OF THOUGHTS
THE MEZZANINE
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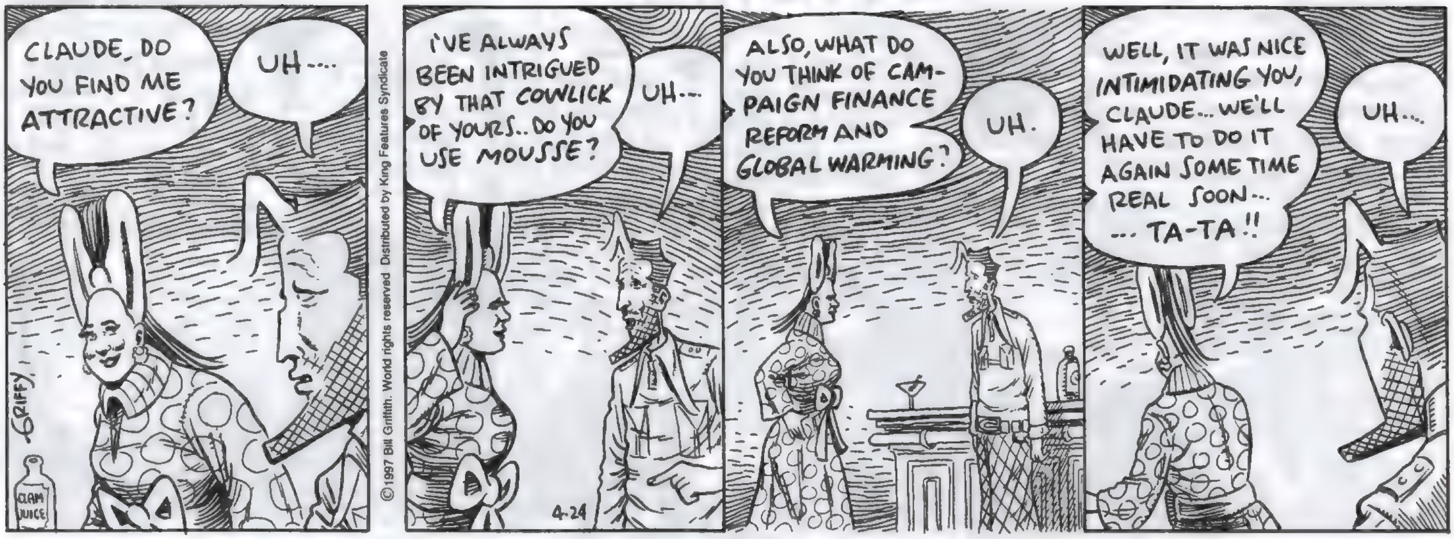
GRIFFY
4-23
OHMYGOD... ..ZIPPY, WHY ARE YOU SAVING ALL THESE SPONGES?
THEY AREN'T JUST SPONGES, GRIFFY!
THEY'RE TH' BUILDING BLOCKS OF A NEW UNIVERSE I'M PUTTING TOGETHER IN MY SPARE TIME!!

ZIPPY

"THE ZERBINA ENTITY"

BILL GRIFFITH


CLAUDE, DO YOU FIND ME ATTRACTIVE?
UH....
GRIFFY
CLAM JUICE
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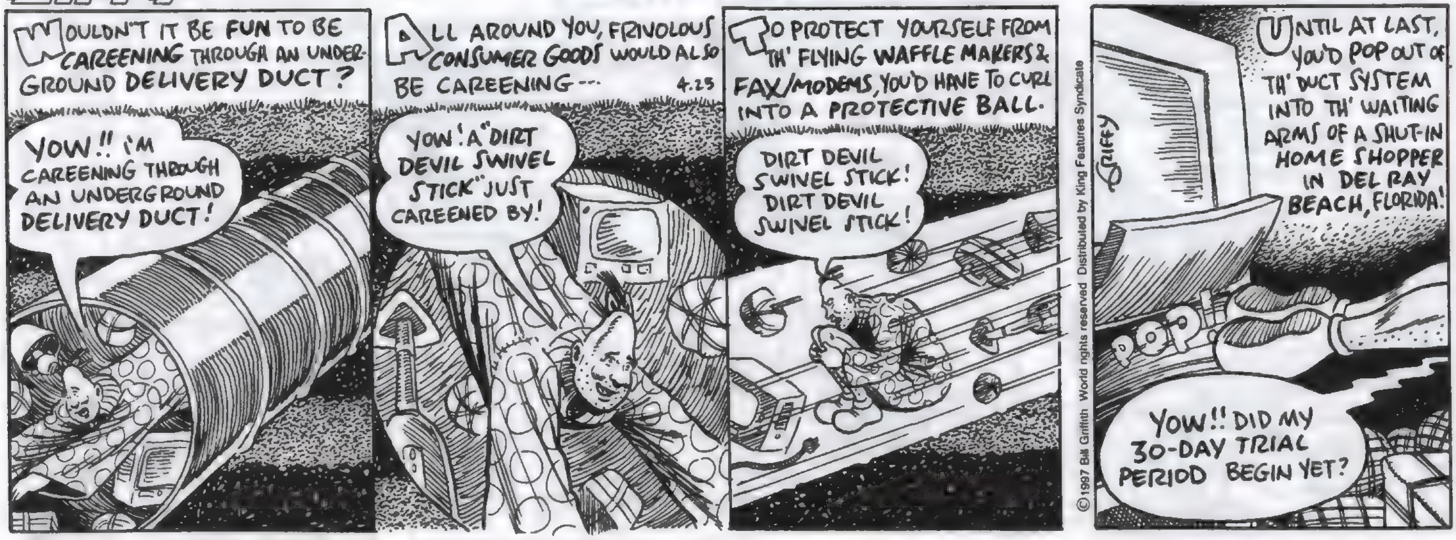
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INTRIGUED BY THAT COWLICK OF YOURS.. DO YOU USE MOUSSE?
UH...
4-24
ALSO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM AND GLOBAL WARMING?
UH.
WELL, IT WAS NICE INTIMIDATING YOU, CLAUDE... WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN SOME TIME REAL SOON... ...TA-TA!!
UH....

ZIPPY

"DUCT AND COVER"

BILL GRIFFITH


WOULDN'T IT BE FUN TO BE CAREENING THROUGH AN UNDERGROUND DELIVERY DUCT?
YOW!! I'M CAREENING THROUGH AN UNDERGROUND DELIVERY DUCT!
ALL AROUND YOU, FRIVOLOUS CONSUMER GOODS WOULD ALSO BE CAREENING---
4.25
YOW! A "DIRT DEVIL SWIVEL STICK" JUST CAREENED BY!
TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TH' FLYING WAFFLE MAKERS & FAX/MODEMS, YOU'D HAVE TO CURL INTO A PROTECTIVE BALL.
DIRT DEVIL SWIVEL STICK! DIRT DEVIL SWIVEL STICK!
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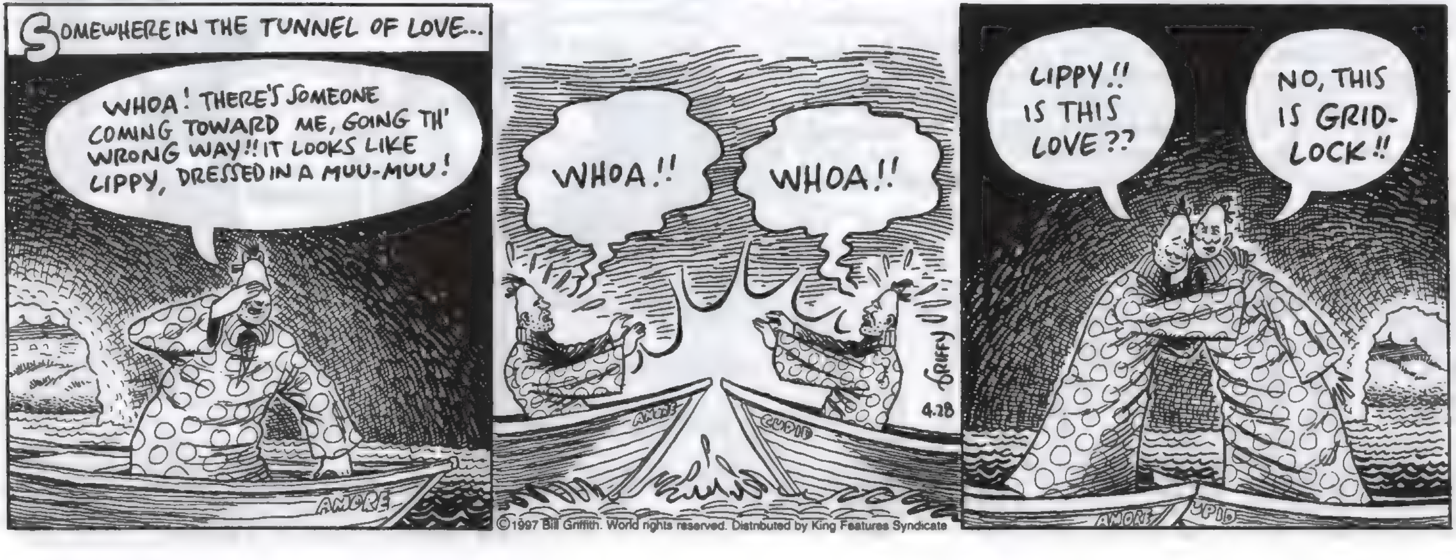
GRIFFY
UNTIL AT LAST, YOU'D POP OUT OF TH' DUCT SYSTEM INTO TH' WAITING ARMS OF A SHUT-IN HOME SHOPPER IN DEL RAY BEACH, FLORIDA!
POP!
YOW!! DID MY 30-DAY TRIAL PERIOD BEGIN YET?

ZIPPY

"BROTHERHOOD"

BILL GRIFFITH


SOMEWHERE IN THE TUNNEL OF LOVE...
WHOA! THERE'S SOMEONE COMING TOWARD ME, GOING TH' WRONG WAY!! IT LOOKS LIKE LIPPY, DRESSED IN A MUU-MUU!
AMORE
WHOA!!
WHOA!!
AMORE
CUPID
GRIFFY
4.28
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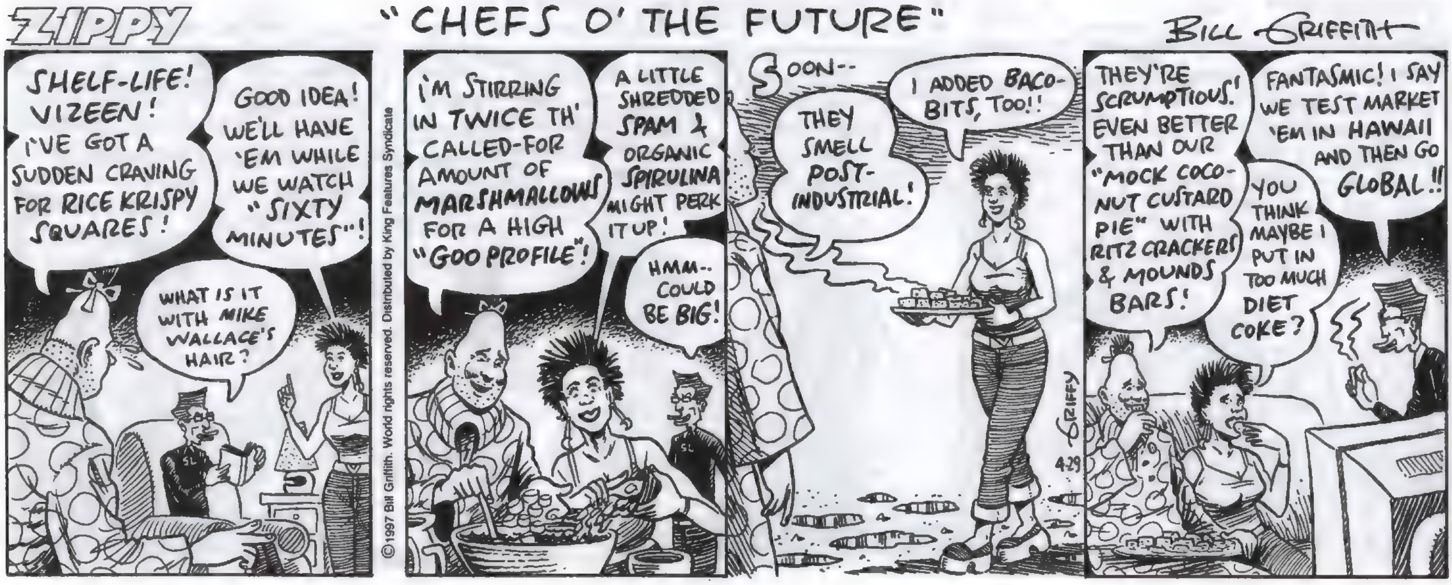
LIPPY!! IS THIS LOVE??
NO, THIS IS GRID-LOCK!!
AMORE
CUPID


ZIPPY
"CHEFS O' THE FUTURE"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE! VIZEEN! I'VE GOT A SUDDEN CRAVING FOR RICE KRISPY SQUARES!
GOOD IDEA! WE'LL HAVE 'EM WHILE WE WATCH "SIXTY MINUTES"!
WHAT IS IT WITH MIKE WALLACE'S HAIR?
SL
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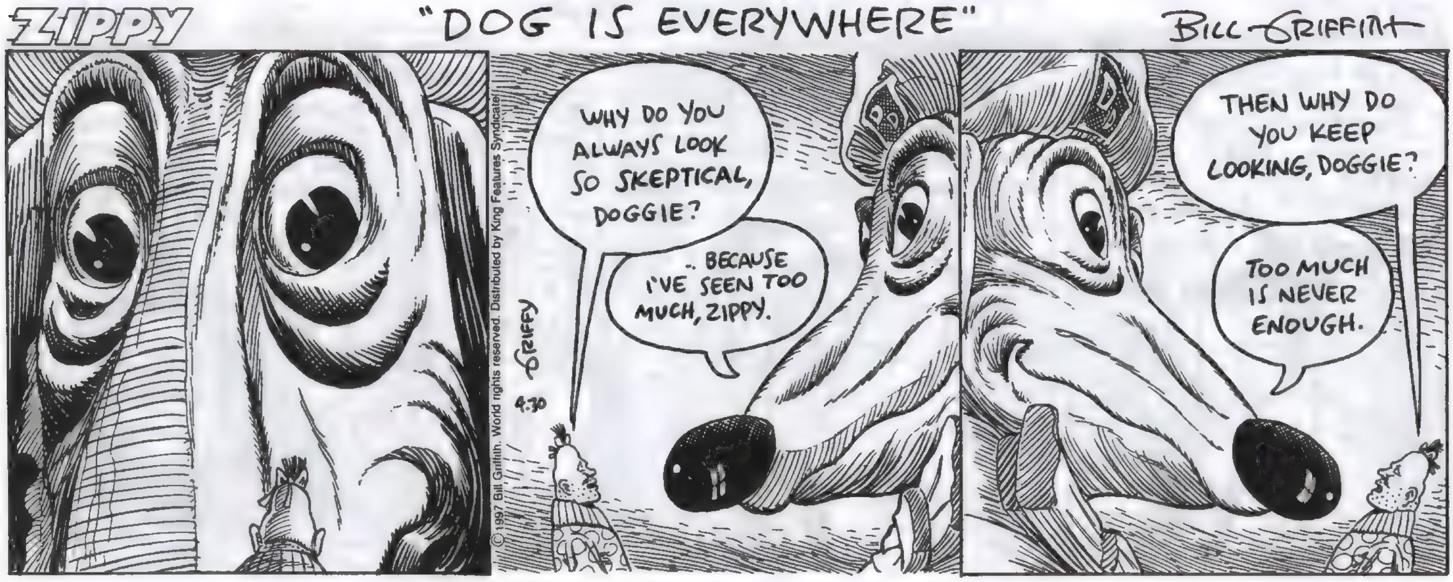
I'M STIRRING IN TWICE TH' CALLED-FOR AMOUNT OF MARSHMALLOWS FOR A HIGH "GOO PROFILE"!
A LITTLE SHREDDED SPAM & ORGANIC SPIRULINA MIGHT PERK IT UP!
HMM.. COULD BE BIG!
SL
SOON--
THEY SMELL POST-INDUSTRIAL!
I ADDED BACO-BITS, TOO!!
GRIFFY
4-29
THEY'RE SCRUMPTIOUS! EVEN BETTER THAN OUR "MOCK COCONUT CUSTARD PIE" WITH RITZ CRACKERS & MOUNDS BARS!
FANTASMIC! I SAY WE TEST MARKET 'EM IN HAWAII AND THEN GO GLOBAL!!
YOU THINK MAYBE I PUT IN TOO MUCH DIET COKE?


ZIPPY
"DOG IS EVERYWHERE"
BILL GRIFFITH
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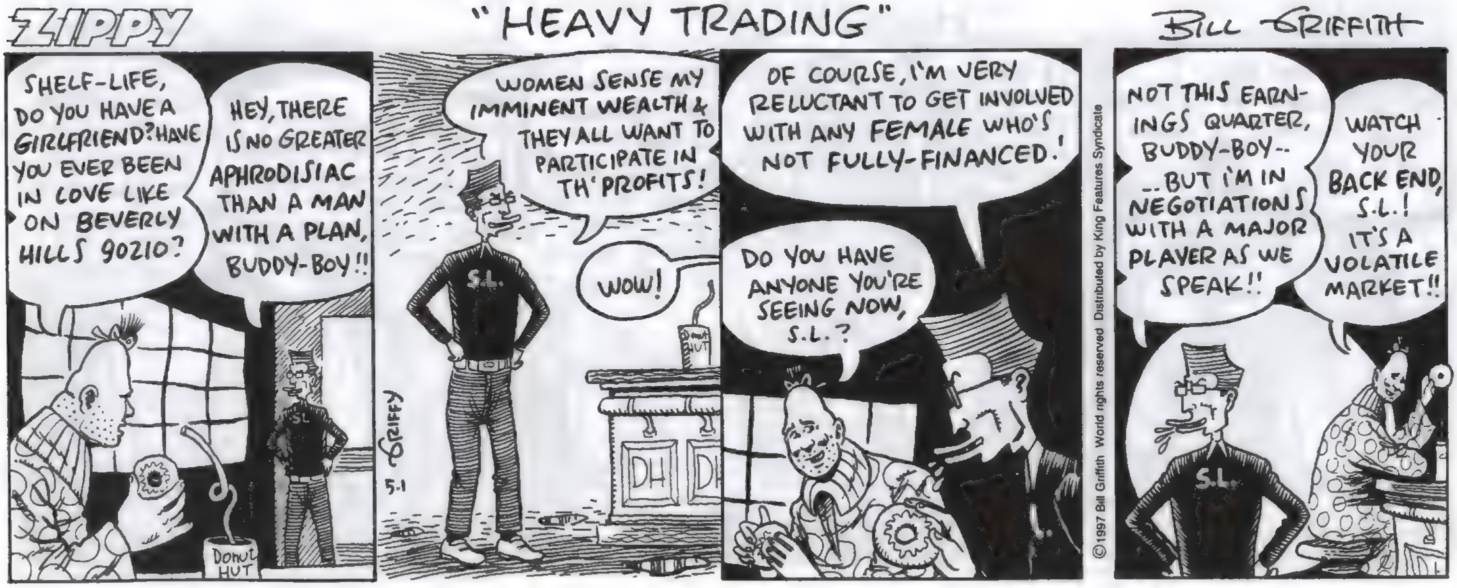
GRIFFY
4-30
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS LOOK SO SKEPTICAL, DOGGIE?
.. BECAUSE I'VE SEEN TOO MUCH, ZIPPY.
THEN WHY DO YOU KEEP LOOKING, DOGGIE?
TOO MUCH IS NEVER ENOUGH.


ZIPPY
"HEAVY TRADING"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE, DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND? HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN LOVE LIKE ON BEVERLY HILLS 90210?
HEY, THERE IS NO GREATER APHRODISIAC THAN A MAN WITH A PLAN, BUDDY-BOY!!
SL
DONUT HUT
GRIFFY
5-1
WOMEN SENSE MY IMMINENT WEALTH & THEY ALL WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN TH' PROFITS!
S.L.
WOW!
DONUT HUT
DH
DH
OF COURSE, I'M VERY RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH ANY FEMALE WHO'S NOT FULLY-FINANCED!
DO YOU HAVE ANYONE YOU'RE SEEING NOW, S.L.?
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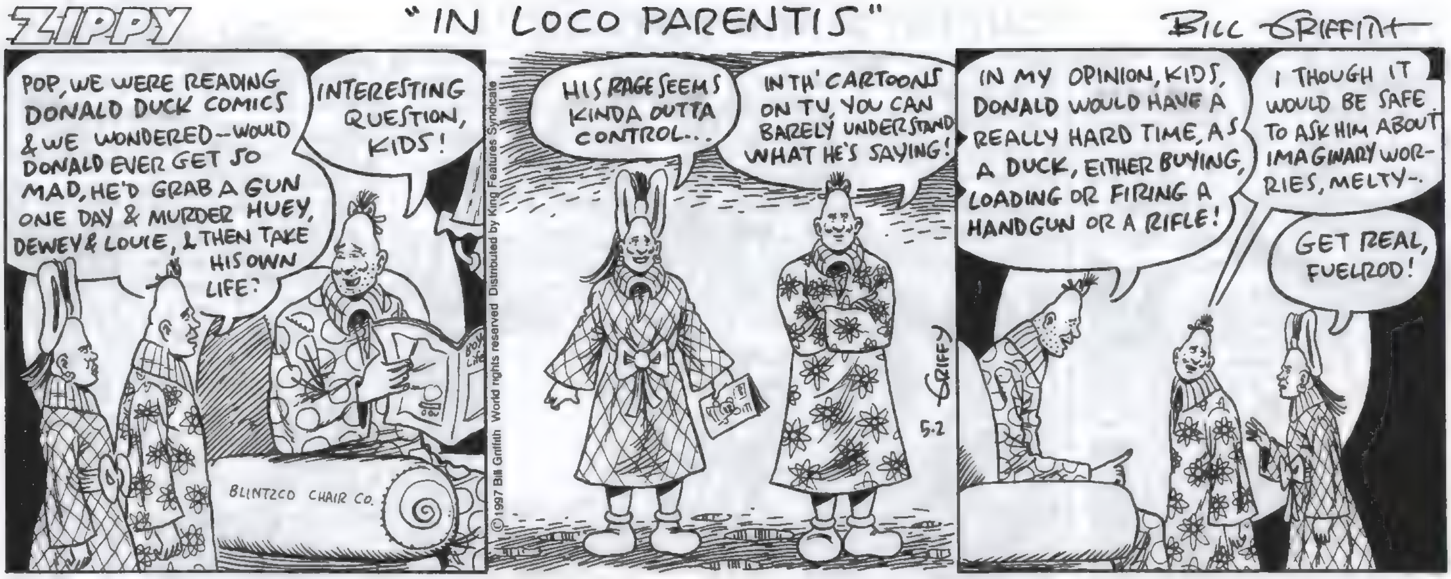
NOT THIS EARNINGS QUARTER, BUDDY-BOY-- ..BUT I'M IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A MAJOR PLAYER AS WE SPEAK!!
WATCH YOUR BACK END, S.L.! IT'S A VOLATILE MARKET!!
S.L.


ZIPPY
"IN LOCO PARENTIS"
BILL GRIFFITH
POP, WE WERE READING DONALD DUCK COMICS & WE WONDERED--WOULD DONALD EVER GET SO MAD, HE'D GRAB A GUN ONE DAY & MURDER HUEY, DEWEY & LOUIE, & THEN TAKE HIS OWN LIFE?
INTERESTING QUESTION, KIDS!
BLINTZCO CHAIR CO.
HIS RAGE SEEMS KINDA OUTTA CONTROL...
IN TH' CARTOONS ON TV, YOU CAN BARELY UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S SAYING!
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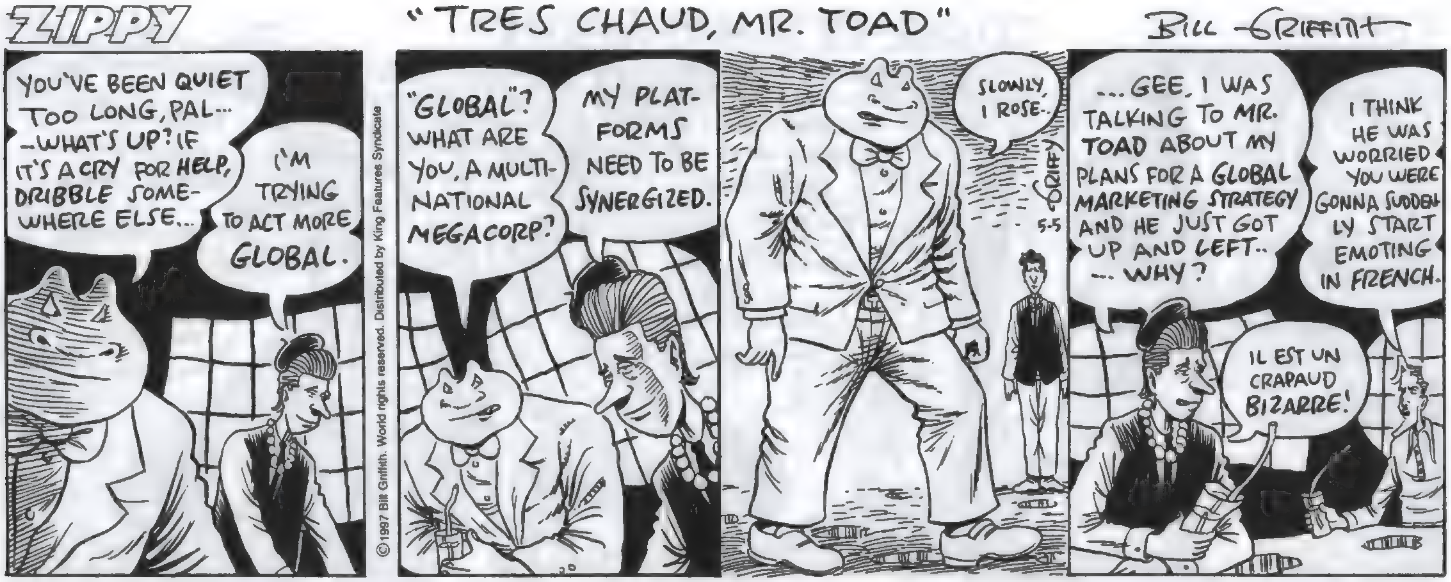
GRIFFY
5-2
IN MY OPINION, KIDS, DONALD WOULD HAVE A REALLY HARD TIME, AS A DUCK, EITHER BUYING, LOADING OR FIRING A HANDGUN OR A RIFLE!
I THOUGH IT WOULD BE SAFE TO ASK HIM ABOUT IMAGINARY WORRIES, MELTY-.
GET REAL, FUELROD!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"TRES CHAUD, MR. TOAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU'VE BEEN QUIET TOO LONG, PAL... --WHAT'S UP? IF IT'S A CRY FOR HELP, DRIBBLE SOMEWHERE ELSE...
I'M TRYING TO ACT MORE GLOBAL.
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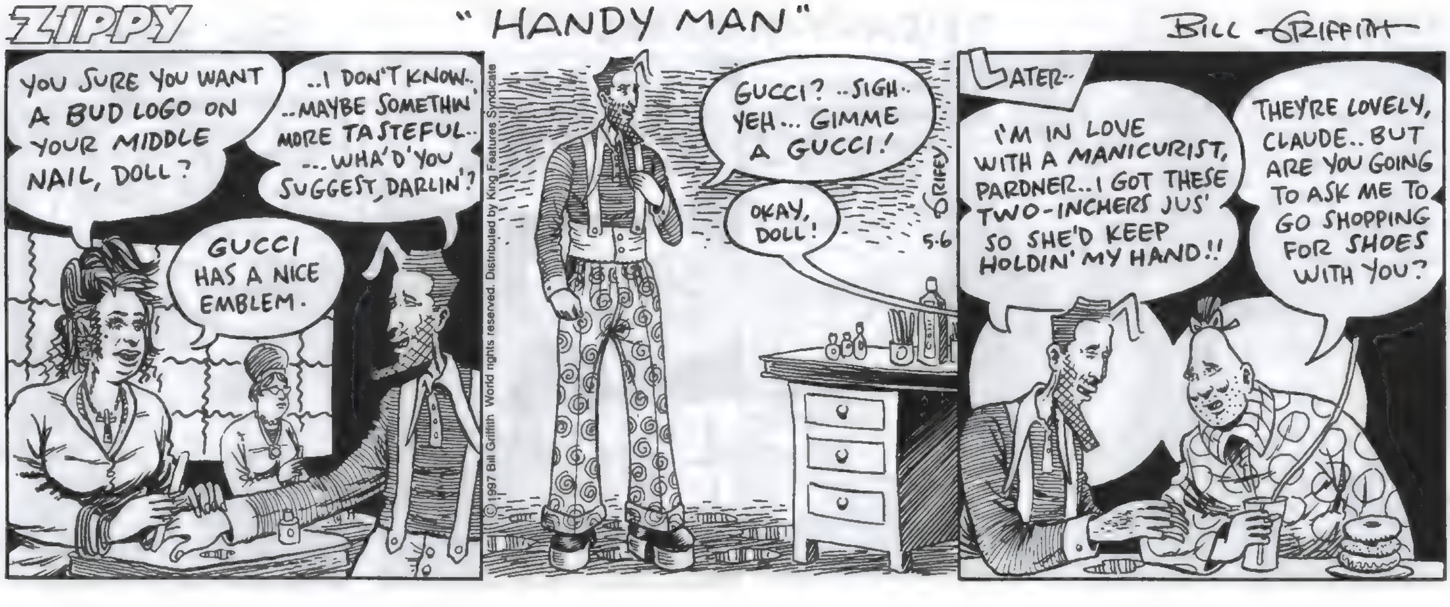
"GLOBAL"? WHAT ARE YOU, A MULTINATIONAL MEGACORP?
MY PLATFORMS NEED TO BE SYNERGIZED.
SLOWLY, I ROSE..
GRIFFY
5-5
...GEE, I WAS TALKING TO MR. TOAD ABOUT MY PLANS FOR A GLOBAL MARKETING STRATEGY AND HE JUST GOT UP AND LEFT.. --...WHY?
I THINK HE WAS WORRIED YOU WERE GONNA SUDDENLY START EMOTING IN FRENCH.
IL EST UN CRAPAUD BIZARRE!


ZIPPY
"HANDY MAN"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU SURE YOU WANT A BUD LOGO ON YOUR MIDDLE NAIL, DOLL?
..I DON'T KNOW.. ..MAYBE SOMETHIN MORE TASTEFUL.. ...WHA'D'YOU SUGGEST, DARLIN'?
GUCCI HAS A NICE EMBLEM.
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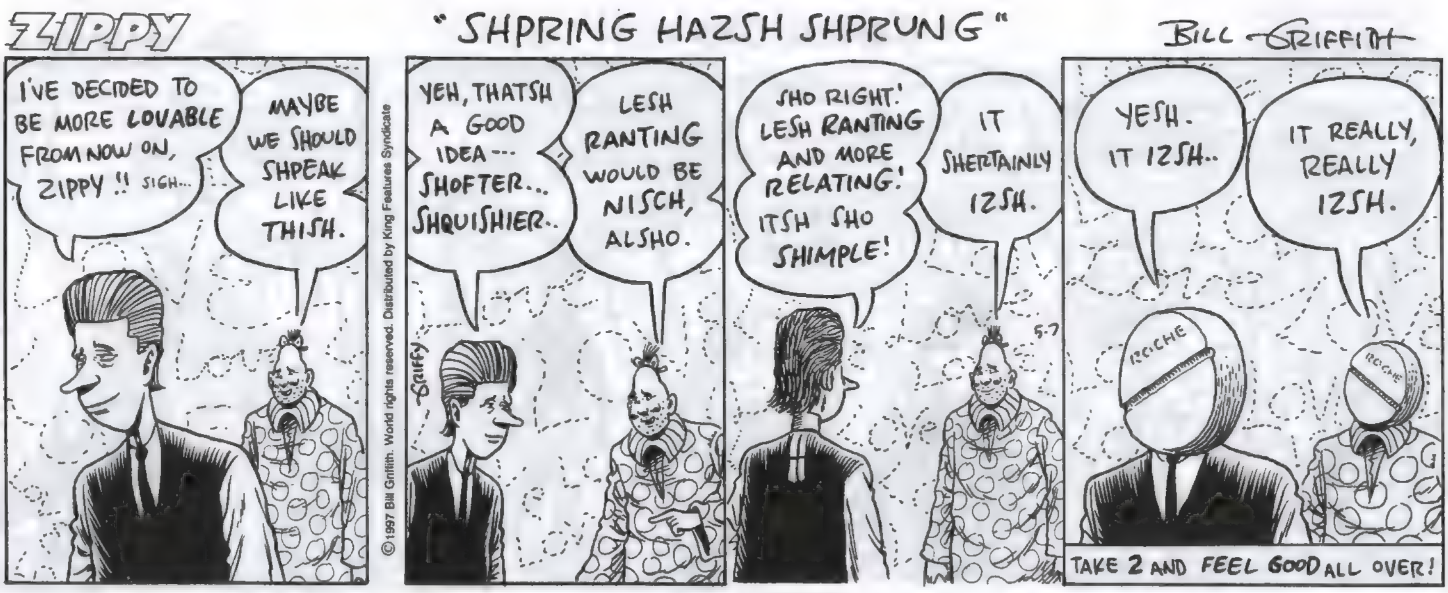
GUCCI? ..SIGH.. YEH... GIMME A GUCCI!
OKAY, DOLL!
GRIFFY
5-6
LATER--
I'M IN LOVE WITH A MANICURIST, PARDNER.. I GOT THESE TWO-INCHERS JUS' SO SHE'D KEEP HOLDIN' MY HAND!!
THEY'RE LOVELY, CLAUDE.. BUT ARE YOU GOING TO ASK ME TO GO SHOPPING FOR SHOES WITH YOU?


ZIPPY
"SHPRING HAZSH SHPRUNG"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'VE DECIDED TO BE MORE LOVABLE FROM NOW ON, ZIPPY !! SIGH...
MAYBE WE SHOULD SHPEAK LIKE THISH.
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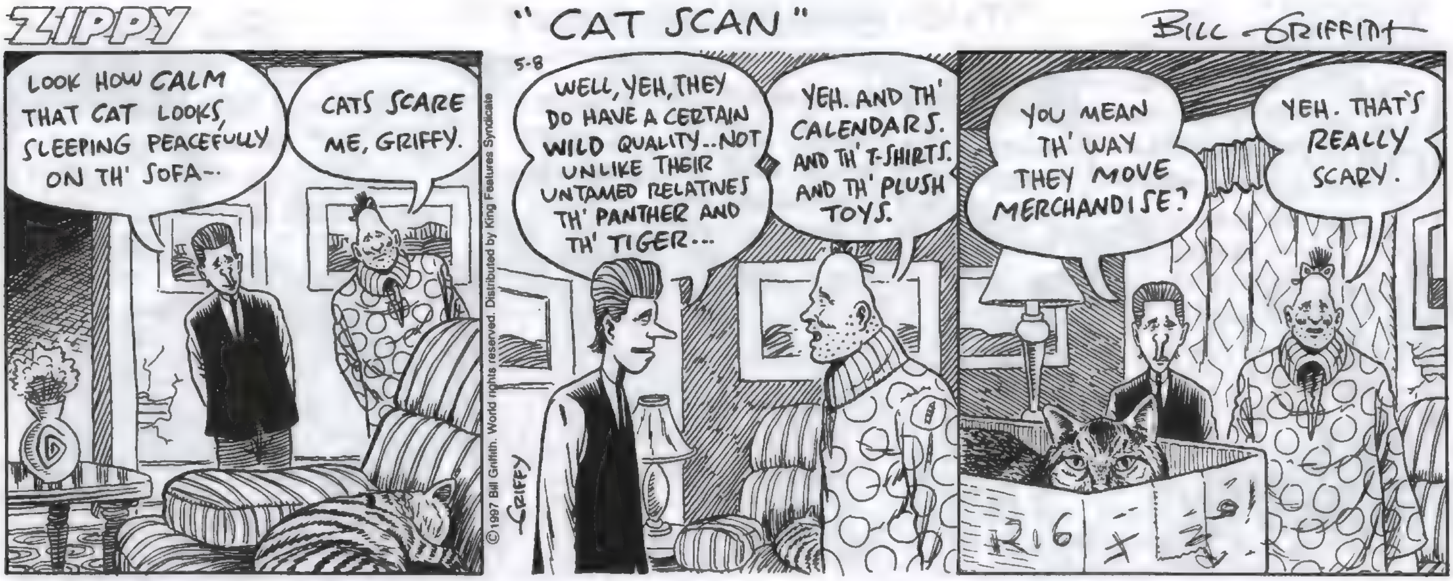
GRIFFY
YEH, THATSH A GOOD IDEA--- SHOFTER... SHQUISHIER..
LESH RANTING WOULD BE NISCH, ALSHO.
SHO RIGHT! LESH RANTING AND MORE RELATING! ITSH SHO SHIMPLE!
IT SHERTAINLY IZSH.
5-7
YESH. IT IZSH..
IT REALLY, REALLY IZSH.
ROCHE
ROCHE
TAKE 2 AND FEEL GOOD ALL OVER!


ZIPPY
"CAT SCAN"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOK HOW CALM THAT CAT LOOKS, SLEEPING PEACEFULLY ON TH' SOFA--
CATS SCARE ME, GRIFFY.
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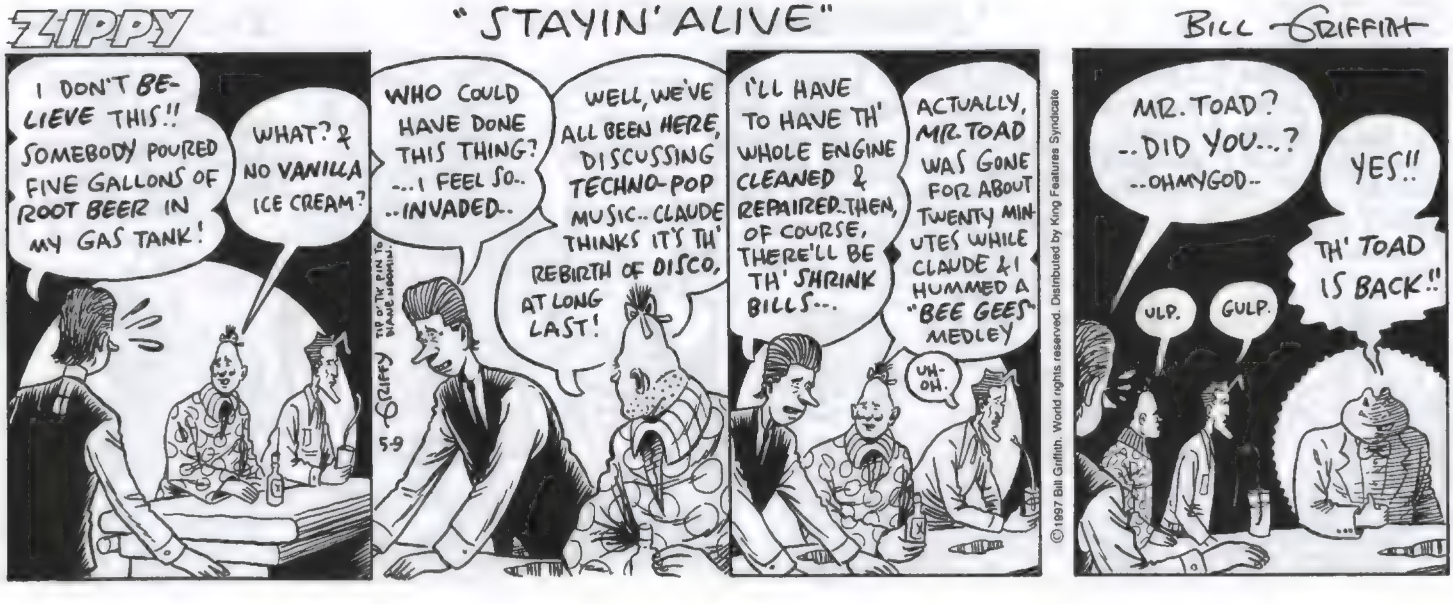
GRIFFY
5-8
WELL, YEH, THEY DO HAVE A CERTAIN WILD QUALITY...NOT UNLIKE THEIR UNTAMED RELATIVES TH' PANTHER AND TH' TIGER...
YEH. AND TH' CALENDARS. AND TH' T-SHIRTS. AND TH' PLUSH TOYS.
YOU MEAN TH' WAY THEY MOVE MERCHANDISE?
YEH. THAT'S REALLY SCARY.


ZIPPY
"STAYIN' ALIVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!! SOMEBODY POURED FIVE GALLONS OF ROOT BEER IN MY GAS TANK!
WHAT? & NO VANILLA ICE CREAM?
WHO COULD HAVE DONE THIS THING? ...I FEEL SO.. ..INVADED..
WELL, WE'VE ALL BEEN HERE, DISCUSSING TECHNO-POP MUSIC.. CLAUDE THINKS IT'S TH' REBIRTH OF DISCO, AT LONG LAST!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO DIANE NOOMIN.
GRIFFY
5-9
I'LL HAVE TO HAVE TH' WHOLE ENGINE CLEANED & REPAIRED..THEN, OF COURSE, THERE'LL BE TH' SHRINK BILLS...
ACTUALLY, MR. TOAD WAS GONE FOR ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES WHILE CLAUDE & I HUMMED A "BEE GEES" MEDLEY
UH-OH.
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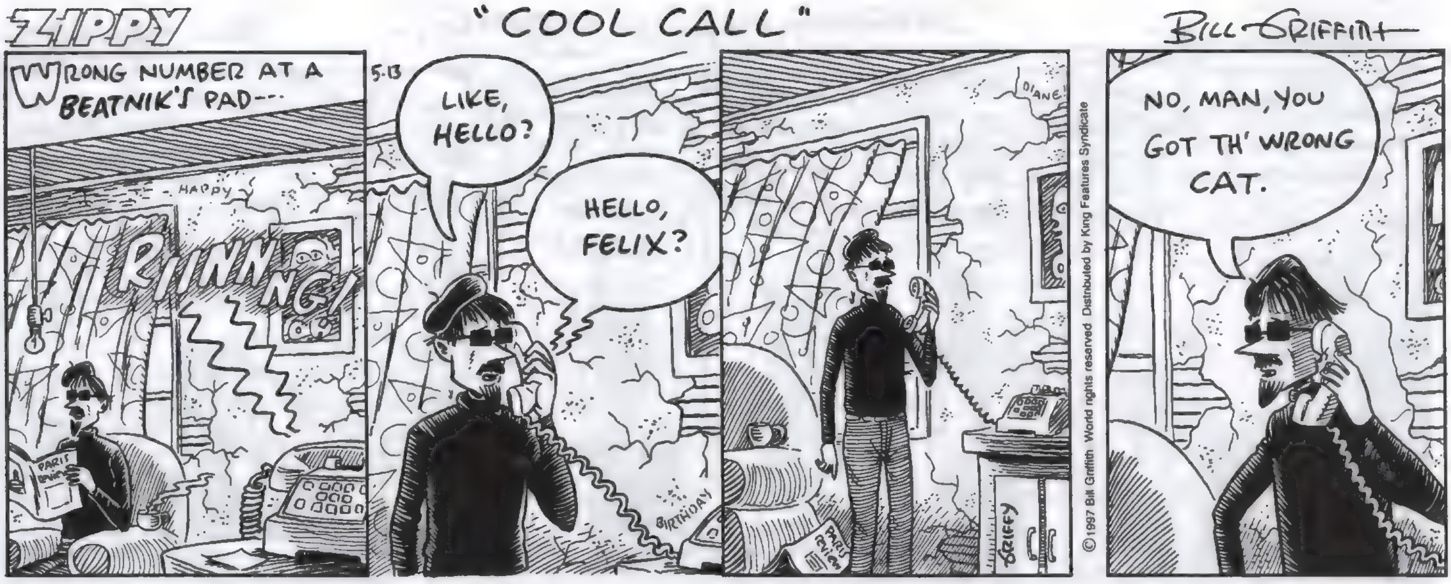
MR. TOAD? ..DID YOU...? ..OHMYGOD..
YES!!
TH' TOAD IS BACK!!
ULP.
GULP.


ZIPPY
"COOL CALL"
BILL GRIFFITH
WRONG NUMBER AT A BEATNIK'S PAD---
RIIINNNG!
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
5-13
LIKE, HELLO?
HELLO, FELIX?
DIANE
GRIFFY
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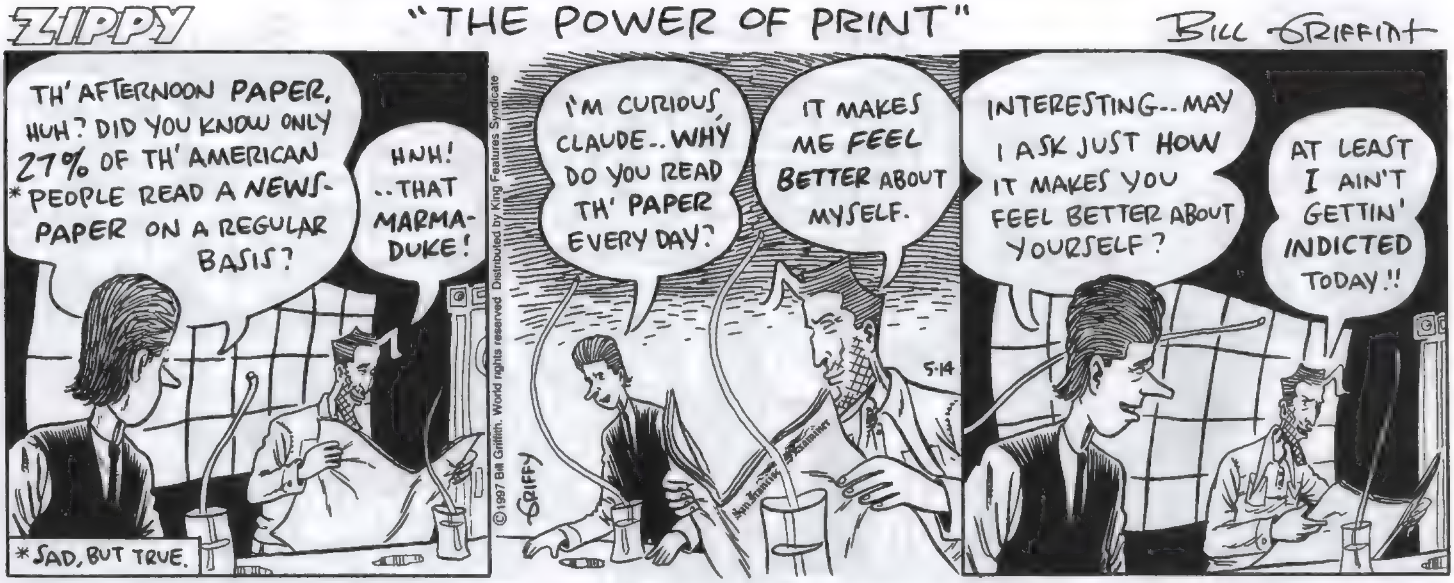
NO, MAN, YOU GOT TH' WRONG CAT.


ZIPPY
"THE POWER OF PRINT"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' AFTERNOON PAPER, HUH? DID YOU KNOW ONLY 27% OF TH' AMERICAN * PEOPLE READ A NEWSPAPER ON A REGULAR BASIS?
HNH! ..THAT MARMADUKE!
* SAD, BUT TRUE.
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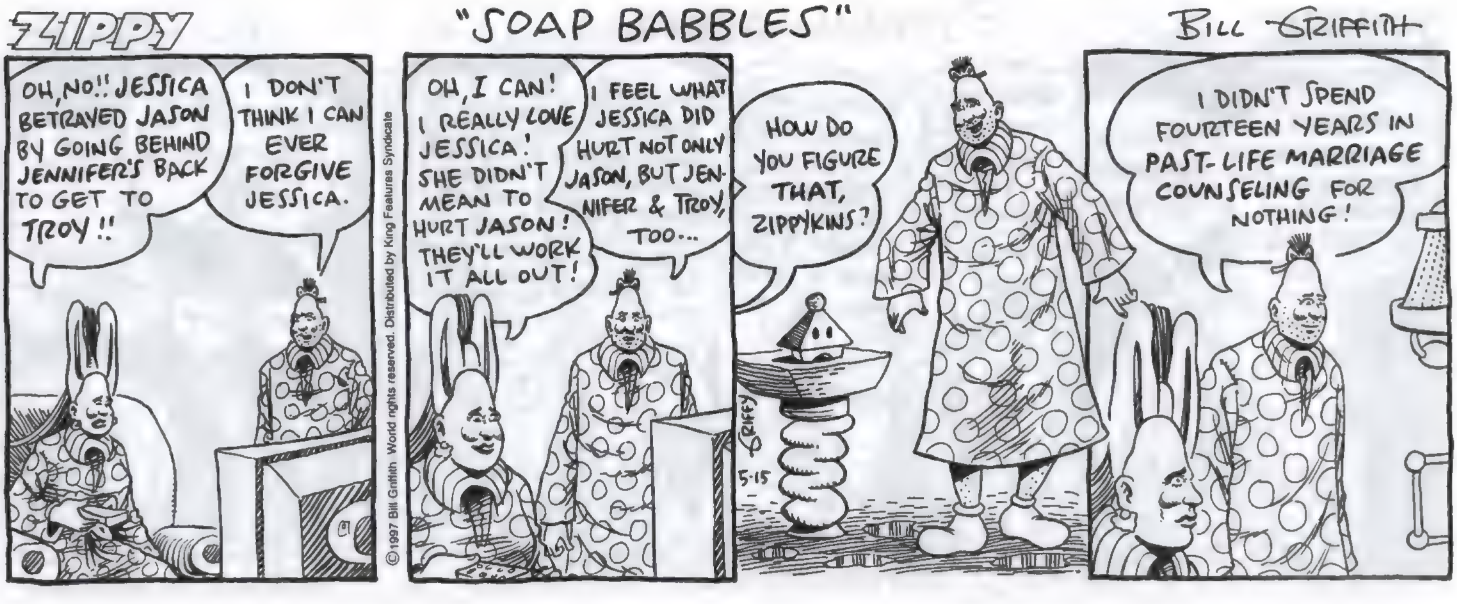
GRIFFY
I'M CURIOUS, CLAUDE.. WHY DO YOU READ TH' PAPER EVERY DAY?
IT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT MYSELF.
5-14
INTERESTING.. MAY I ASK JUST HOW IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER ABOUT YOURSELF?
AT LEAST I AIN'T GETTIN' INDICTED TODAY!!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"SOAP BABBLES"
BILL GRIFFITH
OH, NO!! JESSICA BETRAYED JASON BY GOING BEHIND JENNIFER'S BACK TO GET TO TROY!!
I DON'T THINK I CAN EVER FORGIVE JESSICA.
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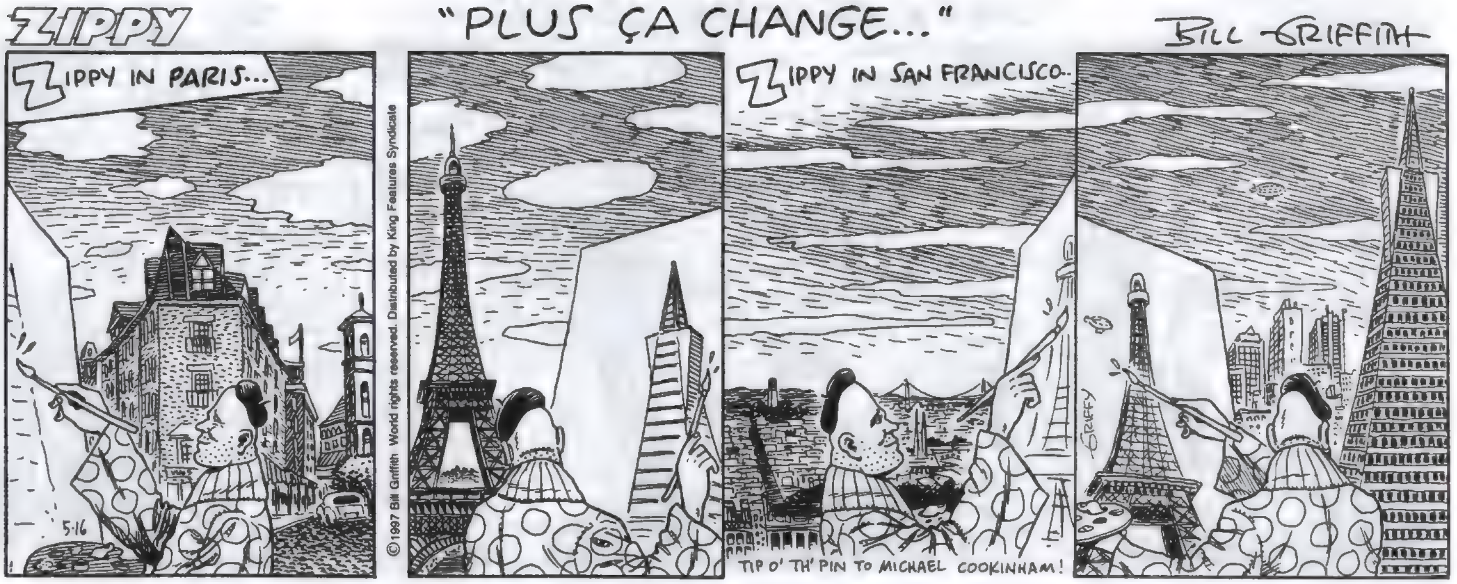
OH, I CAN! I REALLY LOVE JESSICA! SHE DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT JASON! THEY'LL WORK IT ALL OUT!
I FEEL WHAT JESSICA DID HURT NOT ONLY JASON, BUT JENNIFER & TROY, TOO...
HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT, ZIPPYKINS?
GRIFFY
5-15
I DIDN'T SPEND FOURTEEN YEARS IN PAST-LIFE MARRIAGE COUNSELING FOR NOTHING!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"PLUS ÇA CHANGE..."
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY IN PARIS...
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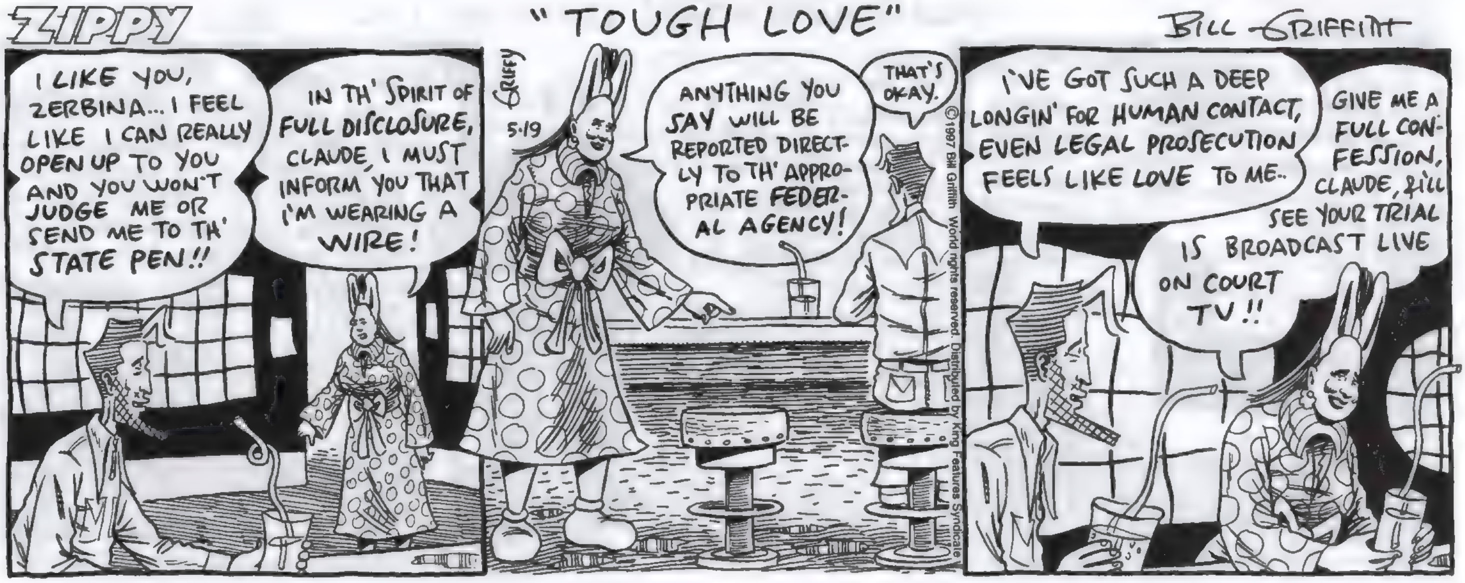
ZIPPY IN SAN FRANCISCO..
GRIFFY
TIP O' TH' PIN TO MICHAEL COOKINHAM!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"TOUGH LOVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I LIKE YOU, ZERBINA... I FEEL LIKE I CAN REALLY OPEN UP TO YOU AND YOU WON'T JUDGE ME OR SEND ME TO TH' STATE PEN!!
IN TH' SPIRIT OF FULL DISCLOSURE, CLAUDE, I MUST INFORM YOU THAT I'M WEARING A WIRE!
GRIFFY
5·19
ANYTHING YOU SAY WILL BE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO TH' APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY!
THAT'S OKAY.
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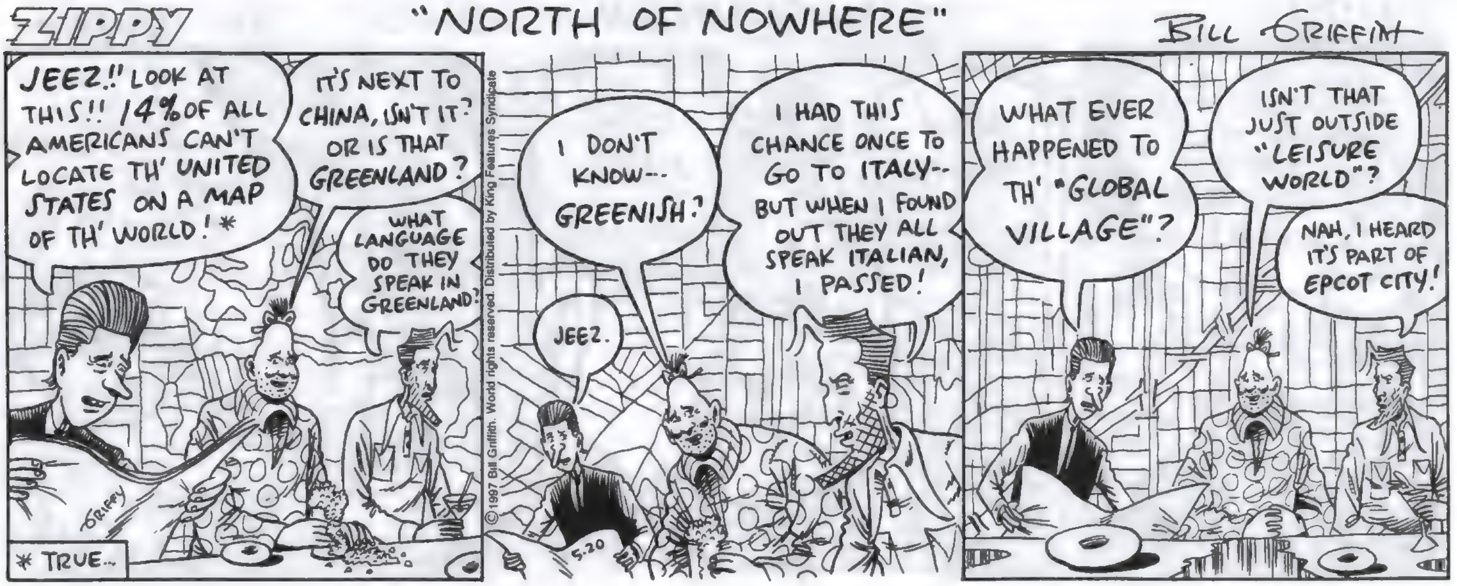
I'VE GOT SUCH A DEEP LONGIN' FOR HUMAN CONTACT, EVEN LEGAL PROSECUTION FEELS LIKE LOVE TO ME..
GIVE ME A FULL CONFESSION, CLAUDE, & I'LL SEE YOUR TRIAL IS BROADCAST LIVE ON COURT TV!!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"NORTH OF NOWHERE"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ!! LOOK AT THIS!! 14% OF ALL AMERICANS CAN'T LOCATE TH' UNITED STATES ON A MAP OF TH' WORLD! *
IT'S NEXT TO CHINA, ISN'T IT? OR IS THAT GREENLAND?
WHAT LANGUAGE DO THEY SPEAK IN GREENLAND?
GRIFFY
* TRUE...
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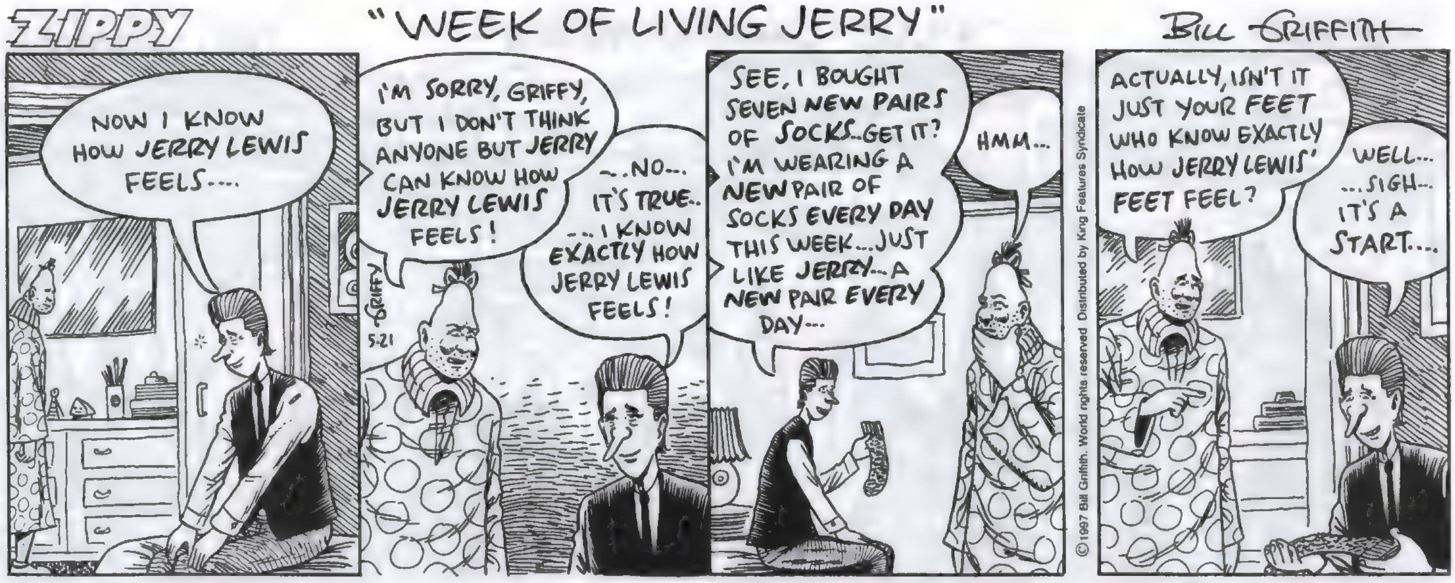
I DON'T KNOW--- GREENISH?
JEEZ.
I HAD THIS CHANCE ONCE TO GO TO ITALY-- BUT WHEN I FOUND OUT THEY ALL SPEAK ITALIAN, I PASSED!
5·20
WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO TH' "GLOBAL VILLAGE"?
ISN'T THAT JUST OUTSIDE "LEISURE WORLD"?
NAH, I HEARD IT'S PART OF EPCOT CITY!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"WEEK OF LIVING JERRY"
BILL GRIFFITH
NOW I KNOW HOW JERRY LEWIS FEELS....
I'M SORRY, GRIFFY, BUT I DON'T THINK ANYONE BUT JERRY CAN KNOW HOW JERRY LEWIS FEELS!
GRIFFY 5-21
...NO... IT'S TRUE.. ...I KNOW EXACTLY HOW JERRY LEWIS FEELS!
SEE, I BOUGHT SEVEN NEW PAIRS OF SOCKS..GET IT? I'M WEARING A NEW PAIR OF SOCKS EVERY DAY THIS WEEK...JUST LIKE JERRY...A NEW PAIR EVERY DAY...
HMM...
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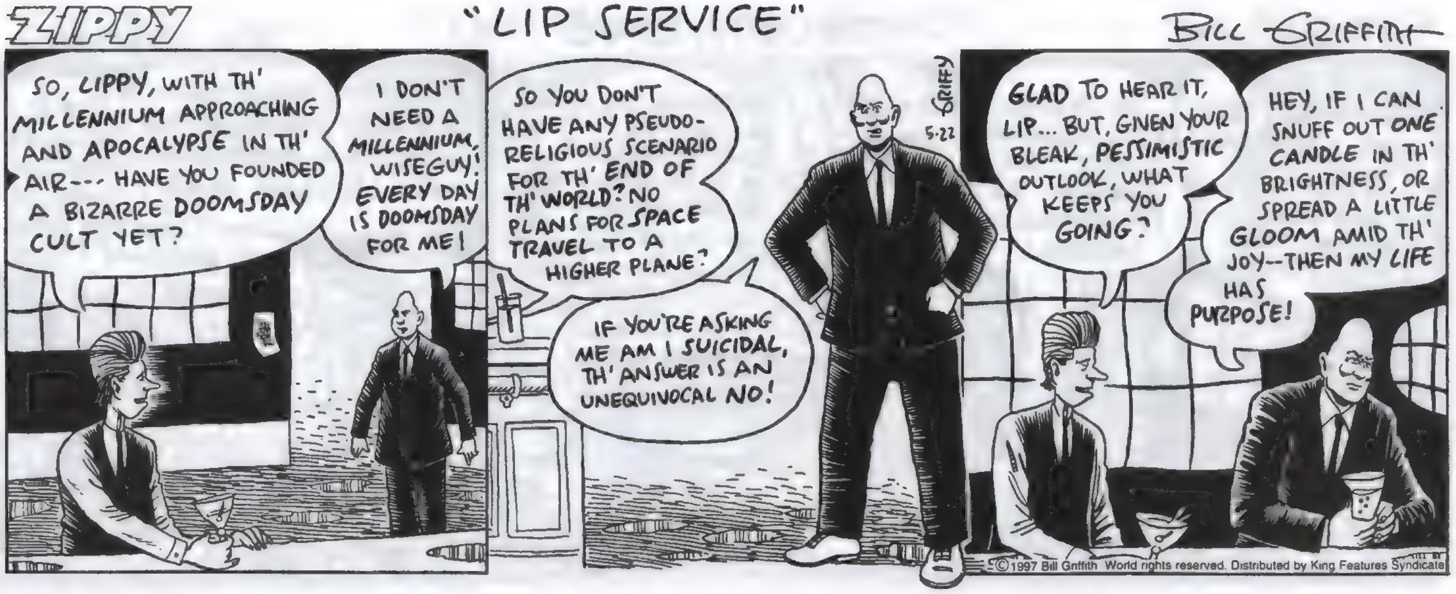
ACTUALLY, ISN'T IT JUST YOUR FEET WHO KNOW EXACTLY HOW JERRY LEWIS' FEET FEEL?
WELL... ...SIGH... IT'S A START....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"LIP SERVICE"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO, LIPPY, WITH TH' MILLENNIUM APPROACHING AND APOCALYPSE IN TH' AIR--- HAVE YOU FOUNDED A BIZARRE DOOMSDAY CULT YET?
I DON'T NEED A MILLENNIUM, WISEGUY! EVERY DAY IS DOOMSDAY FOR ME!
SO YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PSEUDO-RELIGIOUS SCENARIO FOR TH' END OF TH' WORLD? NO PLANS FOR SPACE TRAVEL TO A HIGHER PLANE?
IF YOU'RE ASKING ME AM I SUICIDAL, TH' ANSWER IS AN UNEQUIVOCAL NO!
GRIFFY 5-22
GLAD TO HEAR IT, LIP... BUT, GIVEN YOUR BLEAK, PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK, WHAT KEEPS YOU GOING?
HEY, IF I CAN SNUFF OUT ONE CANDLE IN TH' BRIGHTNESS, OR SPREAD A LITTLE GLOOM AMID TH' JOY--THEN MY LIFE HAS PURPOSE!
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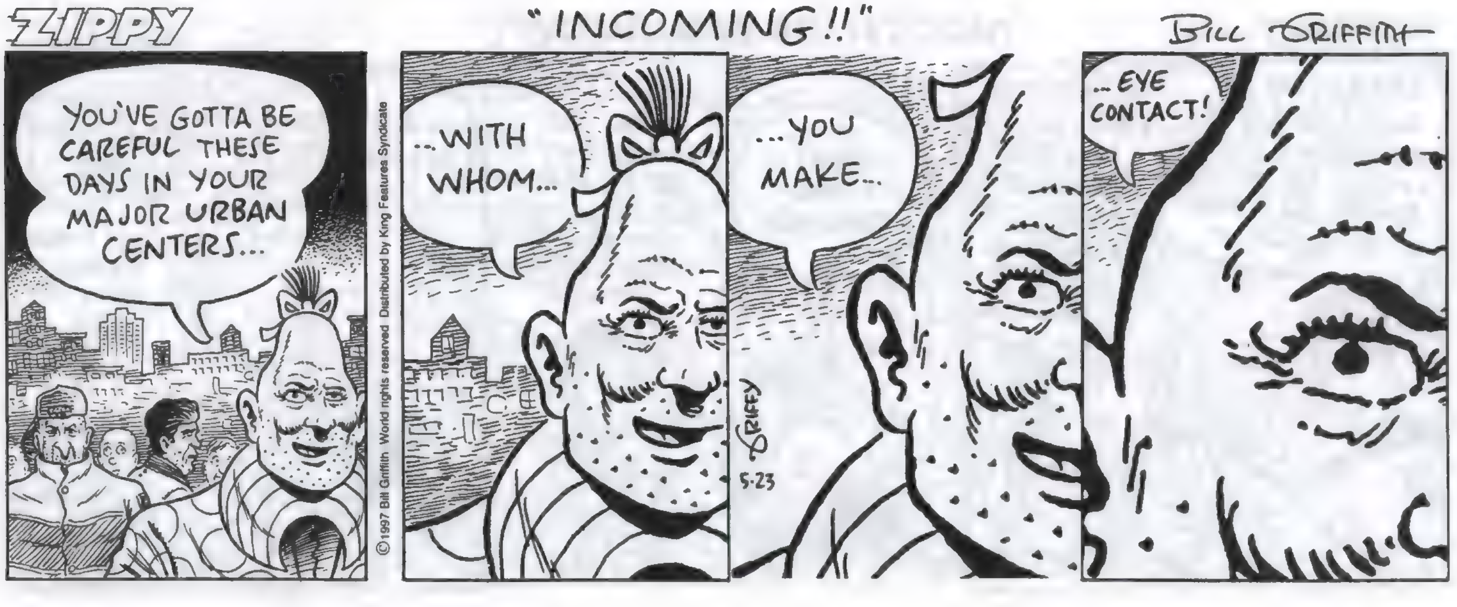
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"INCOMING!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU'VE GOTTA BE CAREFUL THESE DAYS IN YOUR MAJOR URBAN CENTERS...
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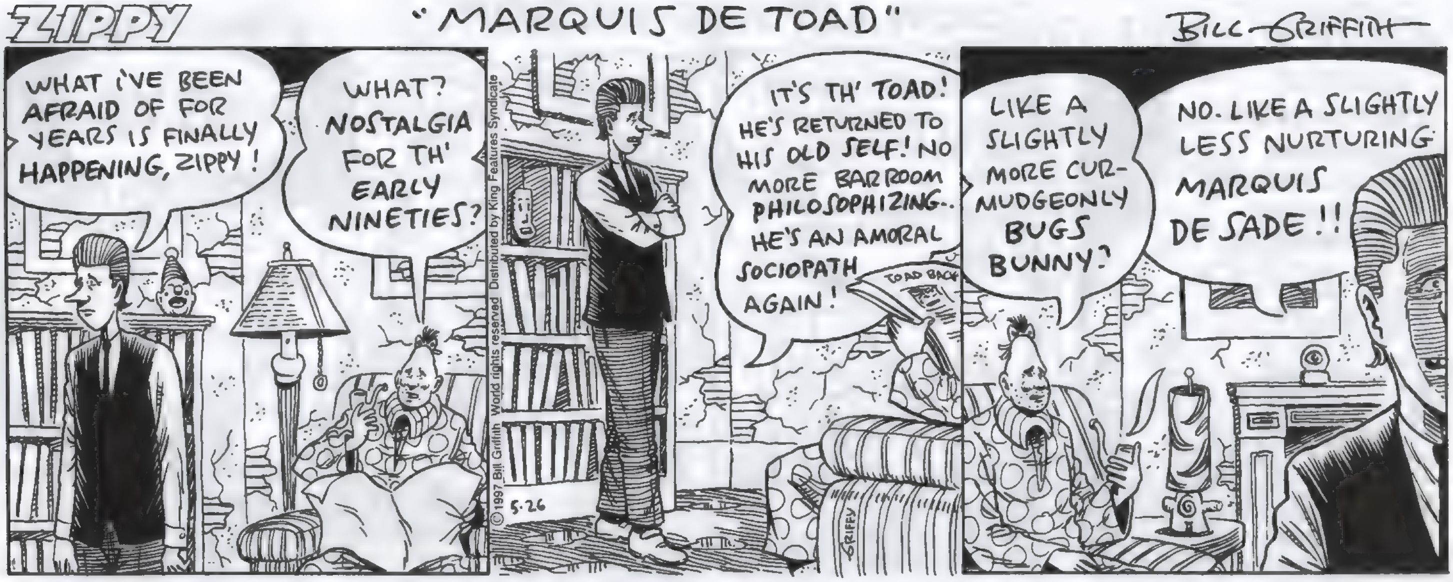
...WITH WHOM...
GRIFFY 5-23
...YOU MAKE...
...EYE CONTACT!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"MARQUIS DE TOAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT I'VE BEEN AFRAID OF FOR YEARS IS FINALLY HAPPENING, ZIPPY!
WHAT? NOSTALGIA FOR TH' EARLY NINETIES?
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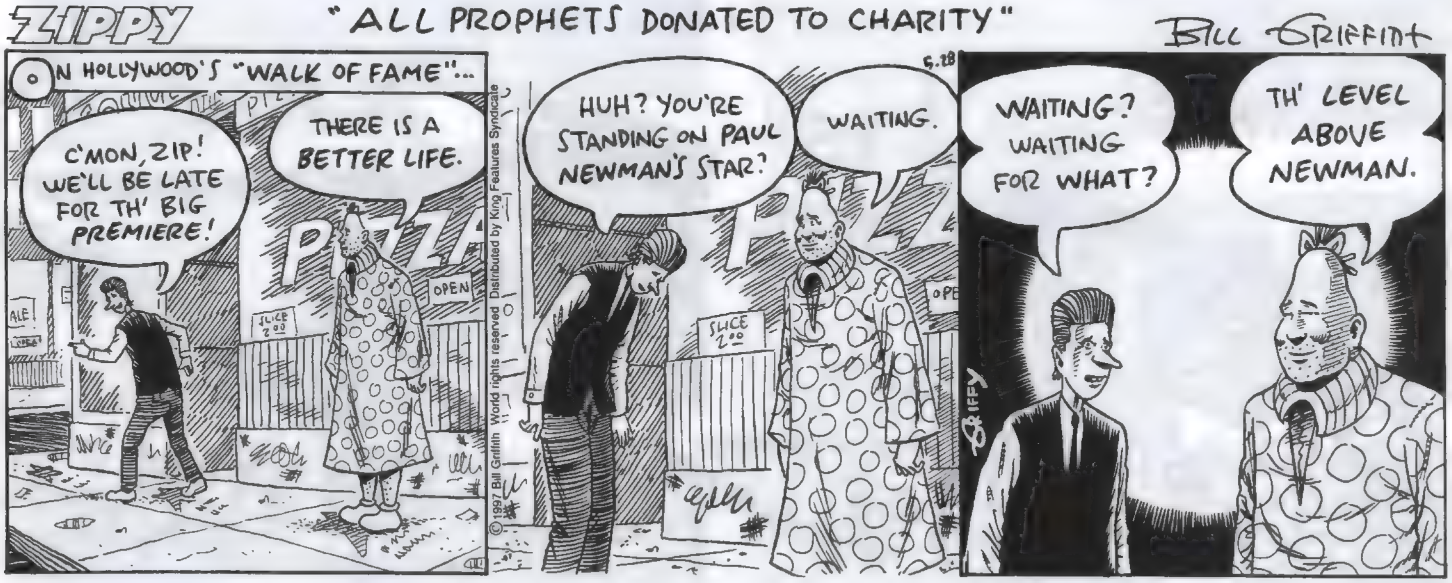
IT'S TH' TOAD! HE'S RETURNED TO HIS OLD SELF! NO MORE BARROOM PHILOSOPHIZING.. HE'S AN AMORAL SOCIOPATH AGAIN!
TOAD BACK
GRIFFY
LIKE A SLIGHTLY MORE CURMUDGEONLY BUGS BUNNY?
NO. LIKE A SLIGHTLY LESS NURTURING MARQUIS DE SADE!!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"ALL PROPHETS DONATED TO CHARITY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ON HOLLYWOOD'S "WALK OF FAME"...
C'MON, ZIP! WE'LL BE LATE FOR TH' BIG PREMIERE!
THERE IS A BETTER LIFE.
PIZZA
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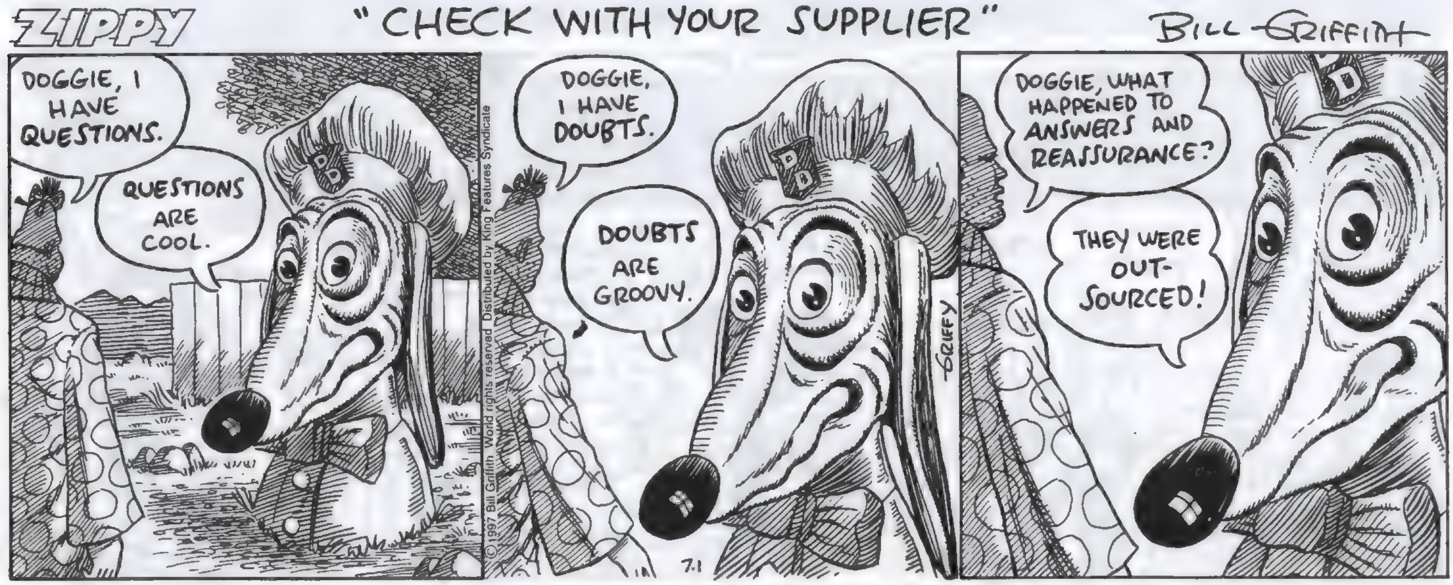
HUH? YOU'RE STANDING ON PAUL NEWMAN'S STAR?
WAITING.
WAITING? WAITING FOR WHAT?
TH' LEVEL ABOVE NEWMAN.
GRIFFY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"CHECK WITH YOUR SUPPLIER"
BILL GRIFFITH
DOGGIE, I HAVE QUESTIONS.
QUESTIONS ARE COOL.
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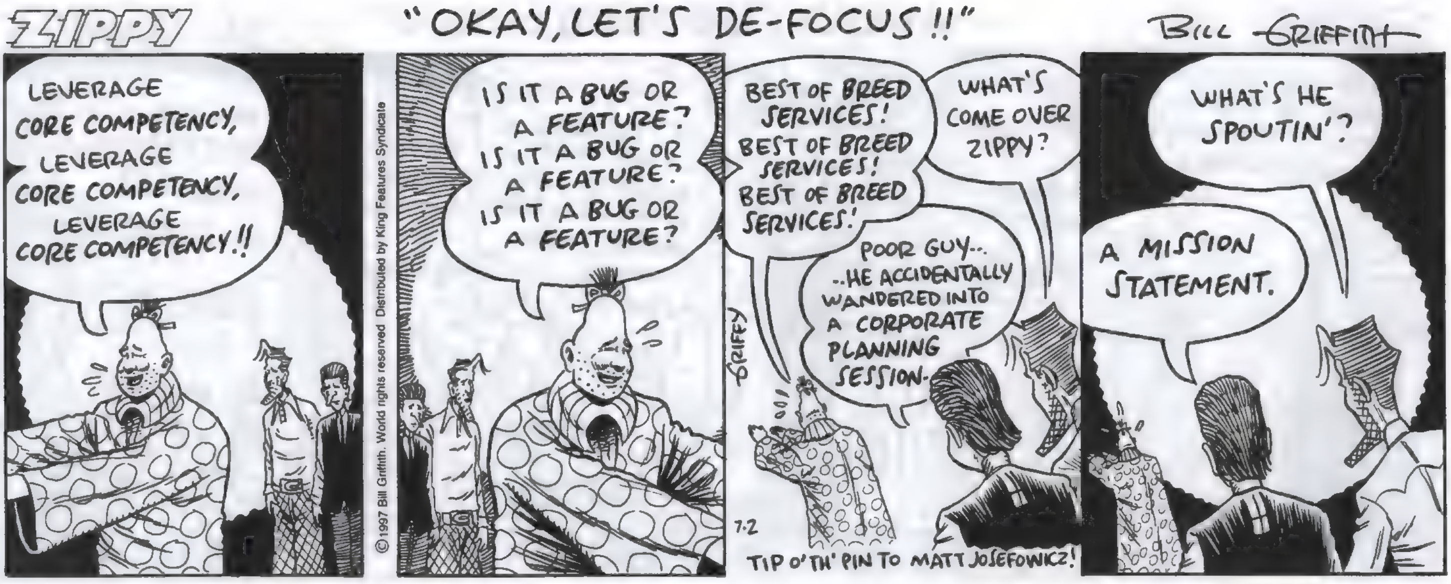
DOGGIE, I HAVE DOUBTS.
DOUBTS ARE GROOVY.
GRIFFY
7-1
DOGGIE, WHAT HAPPENED TO ANSWERS AND REASSURANCE?
THEY WERE OUT-SOURCED!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"OKAY, LET'S DE-FOCUS!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
LEVERAGE CORE COMPETENCY, LEVERAGE CORE COMPETENCY, LEVERAGE CORE COMPETENCY!!
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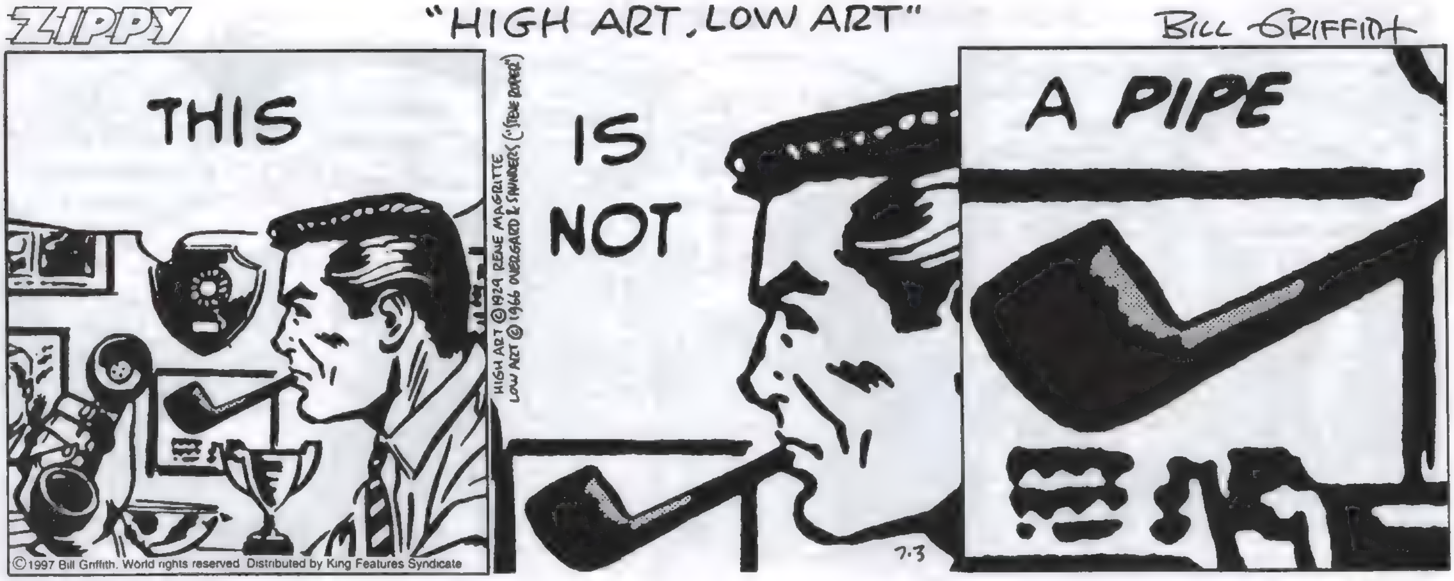
IS IT A BUG OR A FEATURE? IS IT A BUG OR A FEATURE? IS IT A BUG OR A FEATURE?
BEST OF BREED SERVICES! BEST OF BREED SERVICES! BEST OF BREED SERVICES!
WHAT'S COME OVER ZIPPY?
POOR GUY.. ..HE ACCIDENTALLY WANDERED INTO A CORPORATE PLANNING SESSION..
GRIFFY
7-2
TIP O'TH' PIN TO MATT JOSEFOWICZ!
WHAT'S HE SPOUTIN'?
A MISSION STATEMENT.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"HIGH ART, LOW ART"
BILL GRIFFITH
THIS
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LOW ART © 1966 OVERGARD & SAUNDERS ("STEVE ROPER")
IS
NOT
A PIPE
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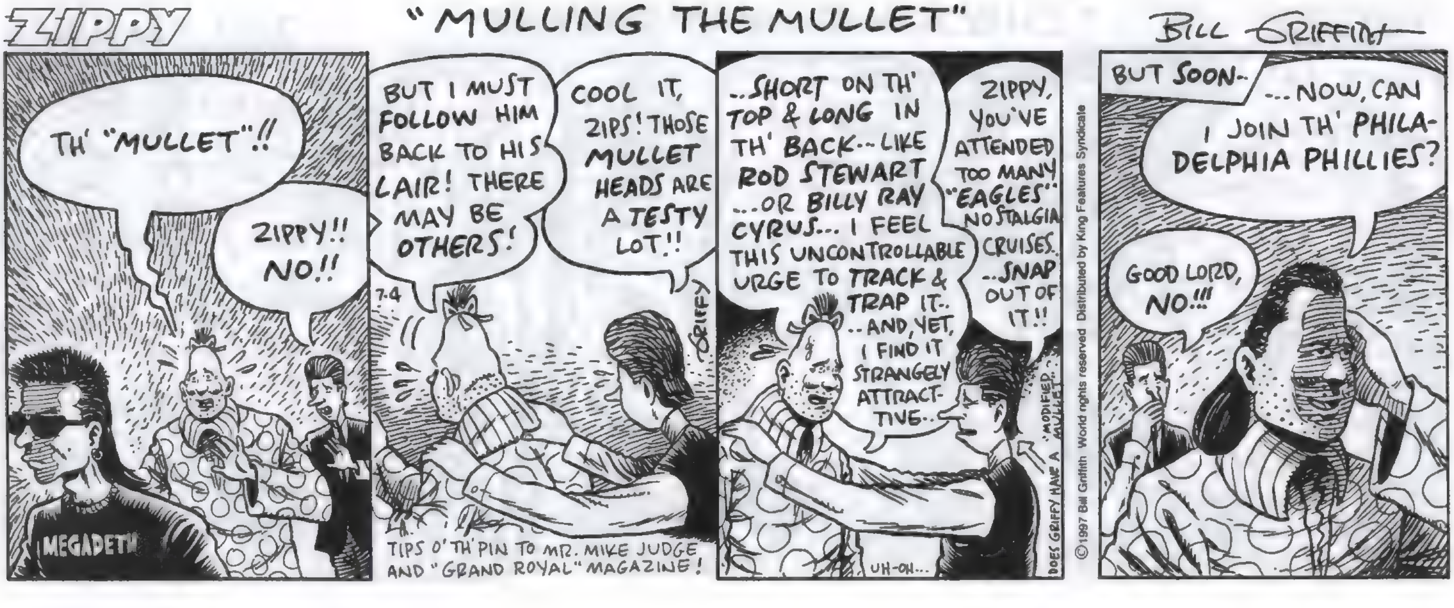
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"MULLING THE MULLET"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' "MULLET"!!
ZIPPY!! NO!!
MEGADETH
BUT I MUST FOLLOW HIM BACK TO HIS LAIR! THERE MAY BE OTHERS!
COOL IT, ZIPS! THOSE MULLET HEADS ARE A TESTY LOT!!
7-4
GRIFFY
TIPS O' TH' PIN TO MR. MIKE JUDGE AND "GRAND ROYAL" MAGAZINE!
..SHORT ON TH' TOP & LONG IN TH' BACK.. LIKE ROD STEWART ...OR BILLY RAY CYRUS... I FEEL THIS UNCONTROLLABLE URGE TO TRACK & TRAP IT.. ..AND, YET, I FIND IT STRANGELY ATTRACT-TIVE..
ZIPPY, YOU'VE ATTENDED TOO MANY "EAGLES" NOSTALGIA CRUISES. ..SNAP OUT OF IT!!
UH-OH...
DOES GRIFFY HAVE A "MODIFIED MULLET"
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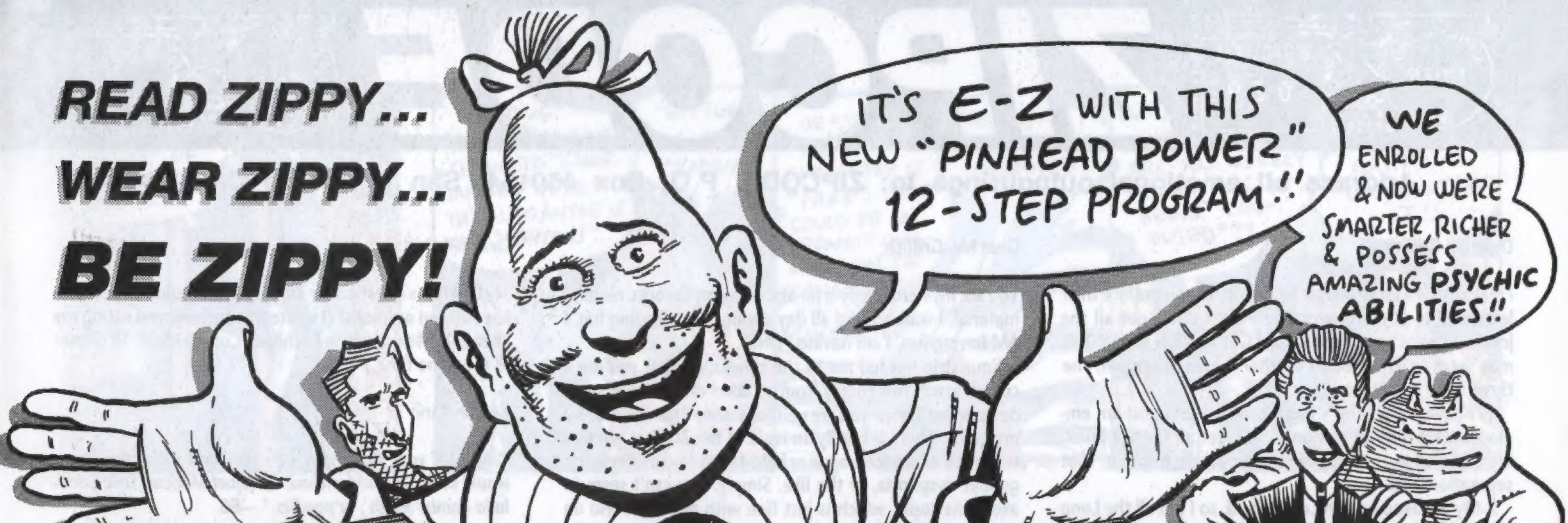
BUT SOON..
...NOW, CAN I JOIN TH' PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES?
GOOD LORD, NO!!!

READ ZIPPY... WEAR ZIPPY... BE ZIPPY!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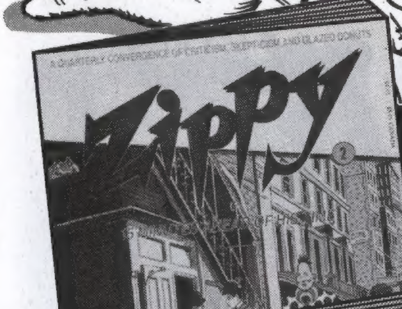
WE ENROLLED & NOW WE'RE SMARTER, RICHER & POSSESS AMAZING PSYCHIC ABILITIES!!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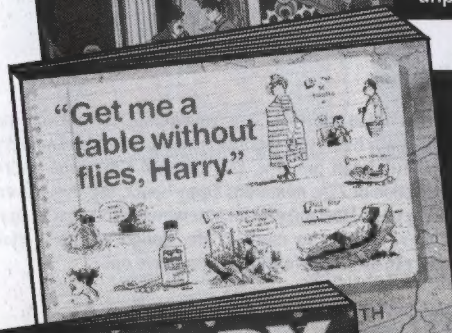
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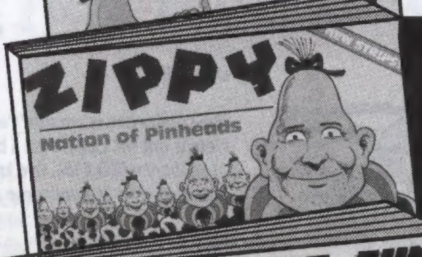
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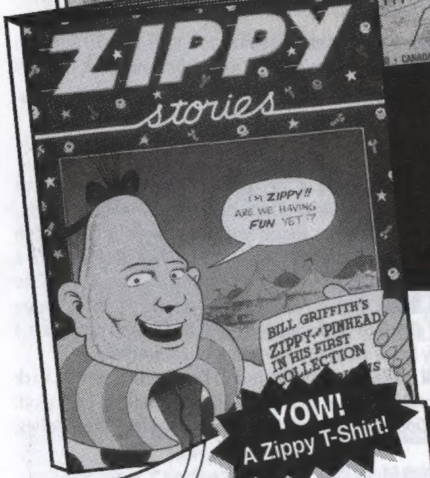
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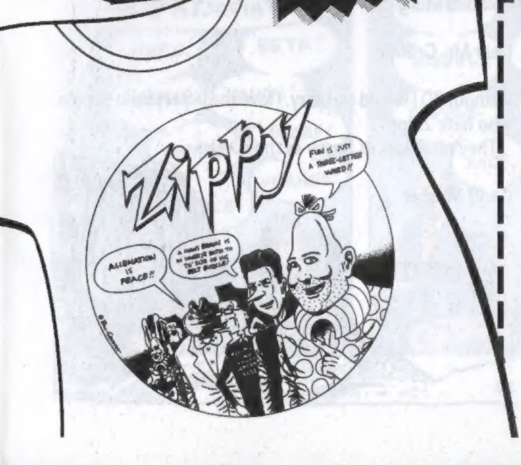
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Dear Bill Griffith,

I realize that a lot of people who write to you preface their letters with, "I really love *Zippy* but I don't get all the jokes..." I want you to know that I GET ALL THE JOKES. This may seem amazing, but it's rather simple to explain. The three basic reasons are:

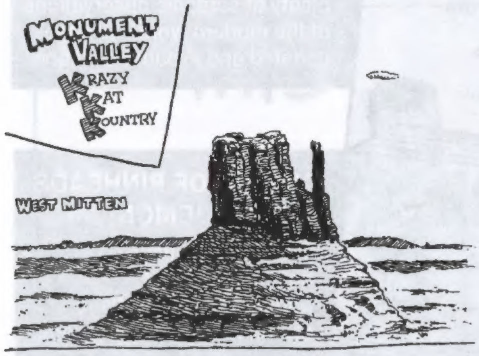
1. I have a bachelor's degree in fine arts and am employed as a graphic designer, so I get all the art jokes, including all those references to zipatone, bitmaps, spot separations, etc.

2. My husband is from Long Island, so I get all the Long Island jokes. (His family lived in Levittown until shortly before his birth when they moved to Hempstead.)

3. I watch far too much television for one human being, so I get all the other jokes.

As long as you keep creating *Zippy*, I'll keep reading. In a weird way, it is comforting to know that there is someone else out there who is as whacked as I am.

Joanne Capella



Hi Bill!

Thanks for having *Zippy* picked up in Japan by the English language *Daily Yomiuri* newspaper (I think I've also seen it in the Asahi Evening News).

"Sugoi!" (Wow, not yow).

Steven Shayman

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Dear Bill,

I thoroughly enjoyed your works in ZQ #10 (on Cuba). You are truly an artist of great perception. Thanks for the description of me as "the Picasso of the Caribbean." More and more people are now calling me that. Regardless of all that is being done way up north to shut us all up for good, I'm still here!

Jose Fuster

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Dear Griffy,

I used to read *Zippy* in Providence's (R.I.) *New Paper* and the *Boston Globe*, but it was not until picking up ZQ #14 that I realized my life had been a shapeless, hopeless, dreary mass of gloom without Zippy's company.

Paul Di Filippo

Dear Mr. Griffith,

You are my hero. *Zippy* is far and away my favorite reading material. I walk around all day saying, "I am having fun, I AM having fun, I am having FUN!"

Your strip has led me to the conclusion that you are a crossdresser. This comes from a "takes one to know one" perspective. I hope you are neither alarmed nor insulted by my guess. There is hardly an issue of the ZQ that goes by without a reference, vague or bald-faced, to crossdressing, gender dysphoria, or the like. Simply, you can't seem to avoid the topic, which is just fine with me. I am also an employeee of Exxon Production Research Co., part of the "Death Star" of international oil companies. I bring in one ZQ for the men's room each month to share the wealth. Thus, your creation has infiltrated the Exxon Evil Empire and you quite literally have the Tiger by the tail. Your strip appeals directly to my intellect (not a lot of comics do THAT), then directly to my funny bone. Cheers and kudos.

Dr. Julio Friedmann

Julio— Yes, Zippy wears a flowing, diaphanous muu-muu... a comfortable, easy to care for, smooth and velvety gown-like garment... Yes, a luxuriant, richly textured, sensually delightful, uh, dress. Does that mean I wear a muu-muu? .... A soft, supple, flowing, diaphanous raiment of... uh... What was the question? —BG

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Dear Bill,

The comics pages wouldn't amount to a hill of Ring Dings were it not for *Zippy!* And a big thank you for introducing us to Vizeen (ZQ #15). I've known a few Vi-types in my 34 years, and she is a welcome addition to Zippy's universe!

Sam Fey

MEXICAN HAT ROCK

Bill,

I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed today's strip and the white heat it shed on the vidiot consumerism that is eating our culture. It could only have come from your pen. Thanks for thousands of wake-up calls.

T. Peyton Coyner

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Yow!

I can never decide whether you take things too seriously or not seriously enough. Then I laugh, realizing that it doesn't matter, while knowing deep down that it does.

D.S. Handy

Dear Bill Griffith,

My Dad has a question for Zippy. What would the world be like without opinions? (I wrote this and enjoyed eating my "Banquet Mexican Style Enchilada Combo Meal" TV dinner at the same time.)

Ken Ehmann

Ken— Tell your Dad Zippy says "a world without opinions would be like a world without 'Banquet Mexican Style Enchilada Combo Meals', or poodles." —BG

SONORAN DESERT

Dear Bill,

Thank you so much for *Zippy*. Your genius has provided me with many hours of delightful reading, for which I am very grateful. I can prove it, too, because I own the entire collection of ZQs, numerous Zippy books, tee-shirts, even Zippy pogs. I feel sorry for anyone who doesn't "get" *Zippy*. They're missing so much in life. Cough up that e-mail address, already. We all know you have one.

Victoria Stevens

Victoria— I may or may not have an e-mail address. But I can give you the address of the Zippy "chat room." It's http://clio.lyris.net/zippy/.

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Dear Bill,

As a teenager, back in the 1830s, I collected underground comix. I kind of "liked" Zippy back then, but in retrospect, I now realize it was simply emptying my mind like a Zen koan. After my college years, I started hanging out with a friend who had taken too many drugs at an early age. One night, in his day-glo apartment, he read an entire Zippy story aloud to me in his soft, slightly freaked out voice. I finally knew what the voice of Zippy sounded like!

It all made sense at that point! I've recently gotten back into underground/alternative comics, thanks to my friend. I use *Zippy Quarterly* as my guidebook to life in the nineties.

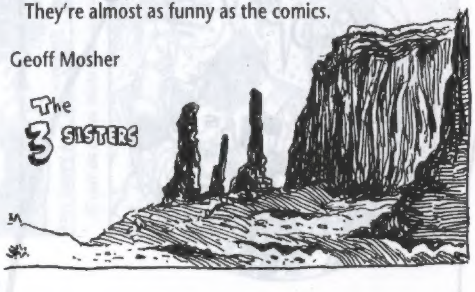
Wilhelm Murg

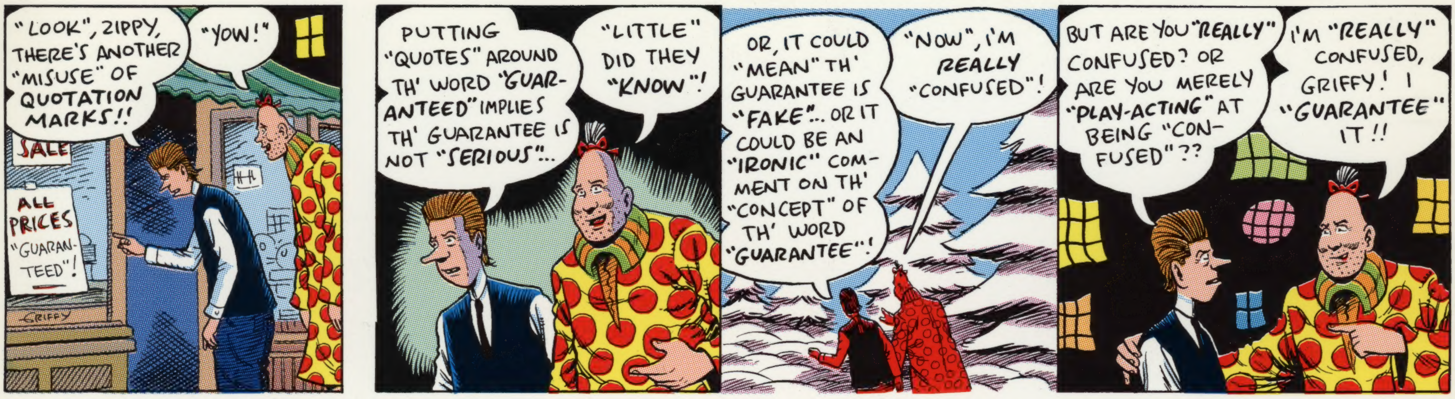
Dear Mr. Griffith,

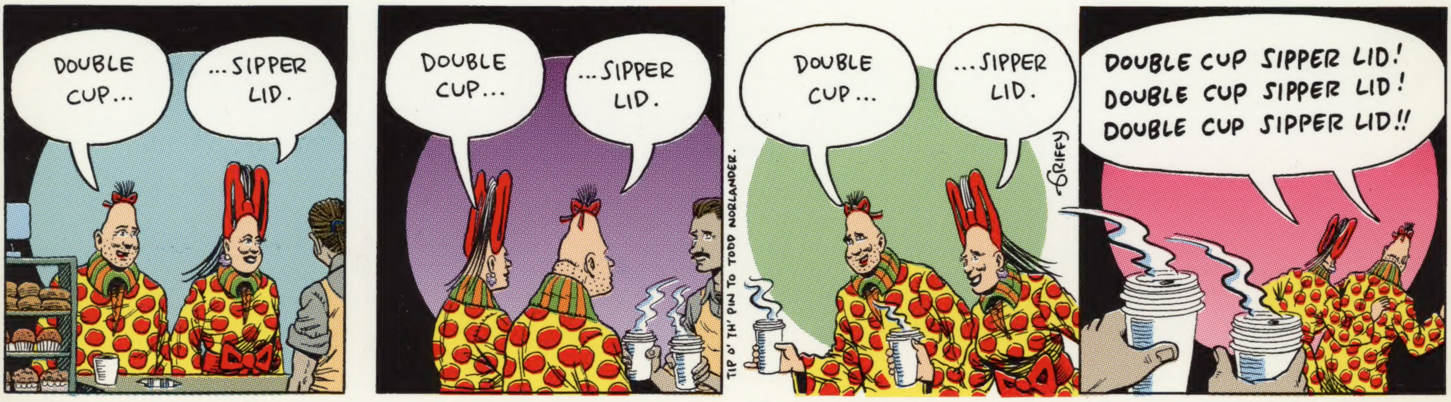
Without ZQ I would go crazy. I love the letters from people who hate *Zippy*.

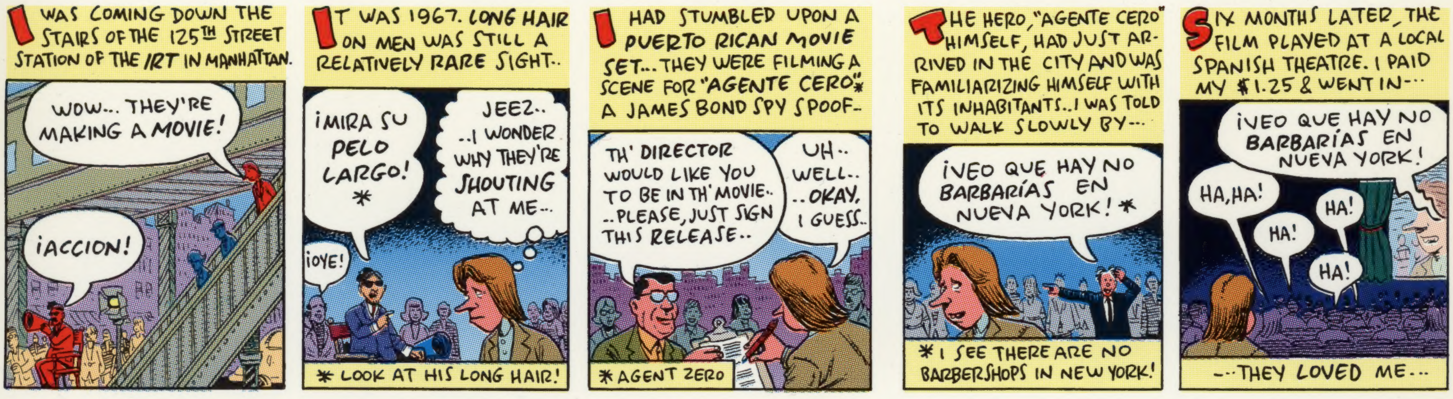
They're almost as funny as the comics.

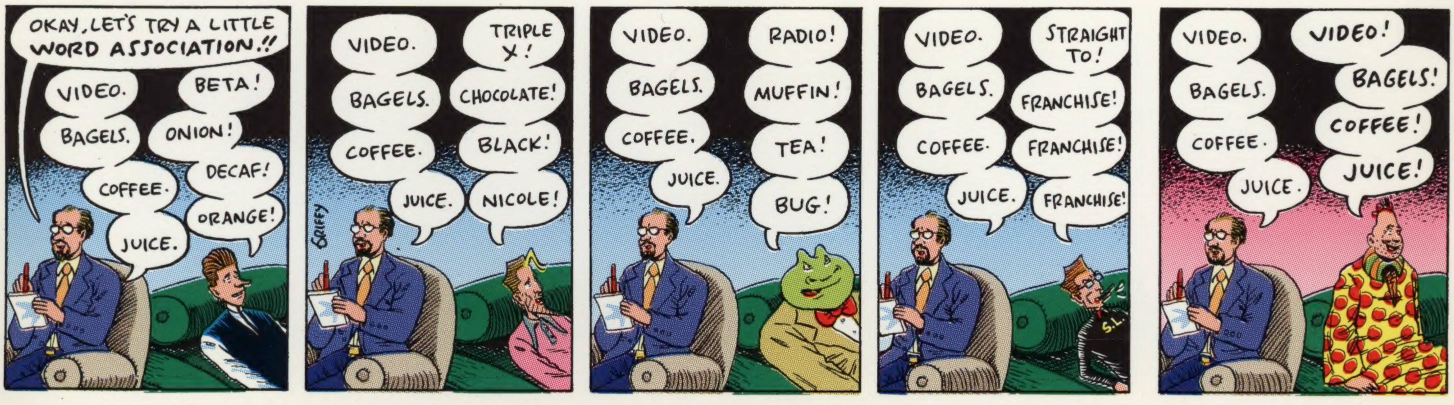
Geoff Mosher




"LOOK", ZIPPY, THERE'S ANOTHER "MISUSE" OF QUOTATION MARKS!!
"YOW!"
SALE
ALL PRICES "GUARANTEED"!
GRIFFY
PUTTING "QUOTES" AROUND TH' WORD "GUARANTEED" IMPLIES TH' GUARANTEE IS NOT "SERIOUS"...
"LITTLE" DID THEY "KNOW"!
OR, IT COULD "MEAN" TH' GUARANTEE IS "FAKE"... OR IT COULD BE AN "IRONIC" COMMENT ON TH' "CONCEPT" OF TH' WORD "GUARANTEE"!
"NOW", I'M REALLY "CONFUSED"!
BUT ARE YOU "REALLY" CONFUSED? OR ARE YOU MERELY "PLAY-ACTING" AT BEING "CONFUSED"??
I'M "REALLY" CONFUSED, GRIFFY! I "GUARANTEE" IT!!


DOUBLE CUP...
...SIPPER LID.
DOUBLE CUP...
...SIPPER LID.
TIP O' TH' PIN TO TODD NORLANDER.
DOUBLE CUP...
...SIPPER LID.
GRIFFY
DOUBLE CUP SIPPER LID!
DOUBLE CUP SIPPER LID!
DOUBLE CUP SIPPER LID!!


I WAS COMING DOWN THE STAIRS OF THE 125TH STREET STATION OF THE IRT IN MANHATTAN.
WOW... THEY'RE MAKING A MOVIE!
¡ACCION!
IT WAS 1967. LONG HAIR ON MEN WAS STILL A RELATIVELY RARE SIGHT..
¡MIRA SU PELO LARGO! *
JEEZ.. ..I WONDER WHY THEY'RE SHOUTING AT ME...
¡OYE!
* LOOK AT HIS LONG HAIR!
I HAD STUMBLED UPON A PUERTO RICAN MOVIE SET... THEY WERE FILMING A SCENE FOR "AGENTE CERO"* A JAMES BOND SPY SPOOF..
TH' DIRECTOR WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE IN TH' MOVIE.. ..PLEASE, JUST SIGN THIS RELEASE..
UH.. WELL.. ..OKAY, I GUESS..
* AGENT ZERO
THE HERO, "AGENTE CERO" HIMSELF, HAD JUST ARRIVED IN THE CITY AND WAS FAMILIARIZING HIMSELF WITH ITS INHABITANTS..I WAS TOLD TO WALK SLOWLY BY...
¡VEO QUE HAY NO BARBARÍAS EN NUEVA YORK! *
* I SEE THERE ARE NO BARBERSHOPS IN NEW YORK!
SIX MONTHS LATER, THE FILM PLAYED AT A LOCAL SPANISH THEATRE. I PAID MY $1.25 & WENT IN...
¡VEO QUE HAY NO BARBARÍAS EN NUEVA YORK!
HA,HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
...THEY LOVED ME...


OKAY, LET'S TRY A LITTLE WORD ASSOCIATION.!!
VIDEO.
BETA!
BAGELS.
ONION!
COFFEE.
DECAF!
JUICE.
ORANGE!
GRIFFY
VIDEO.
TRIPLE X!
BAGELS.
CHOCOLATE!
COFFEE.
BLACK!
JUICE.
NICOLE!
VIDEO.
RADIO!
BAGELS.
MUFFIN!
COFFEE.
TEA!
JUICE.
BUG!
VIDEO.
STRAIGHT TO!
BAGELS.
FRANCHISE!
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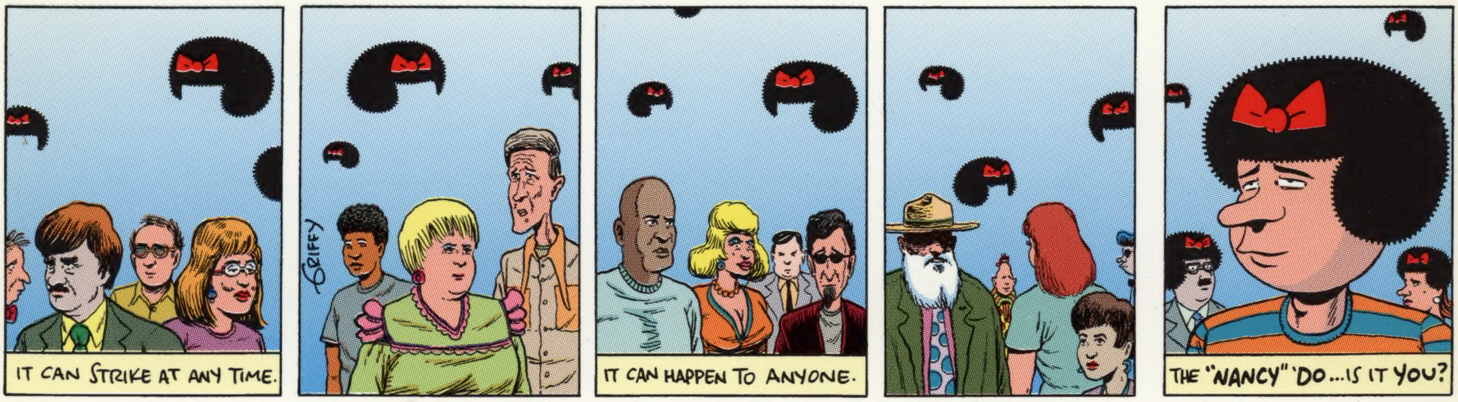
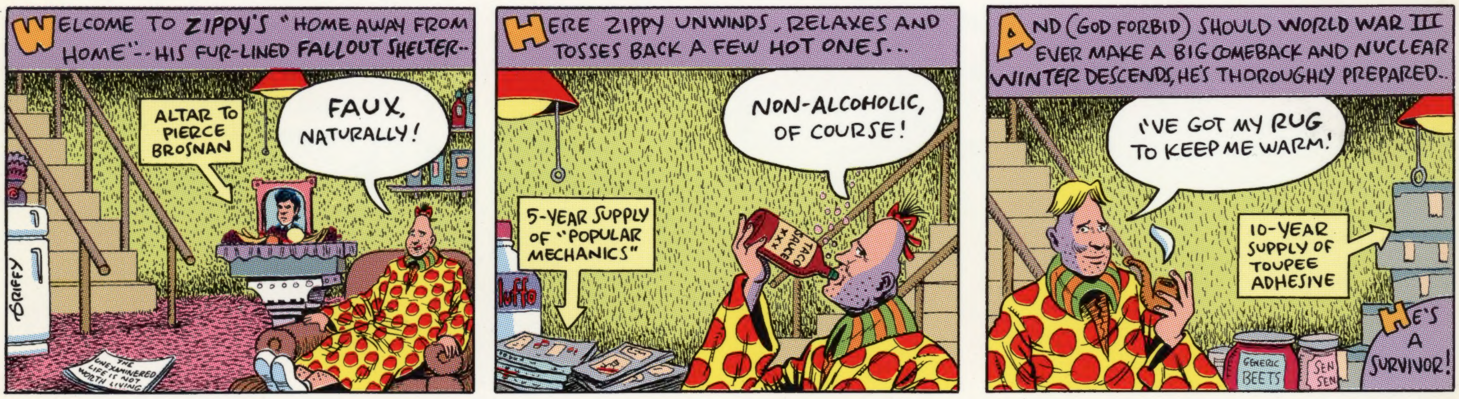
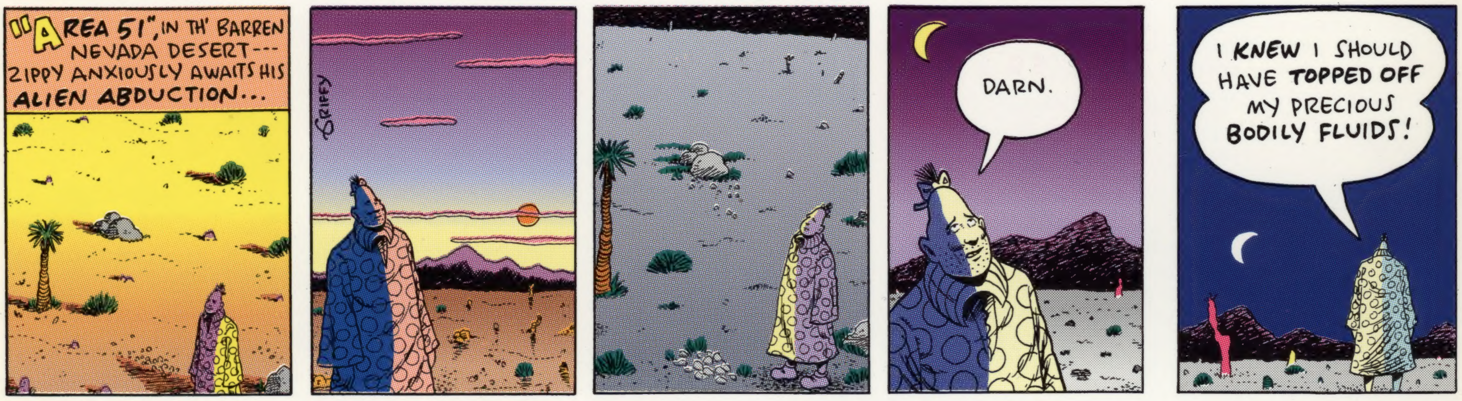
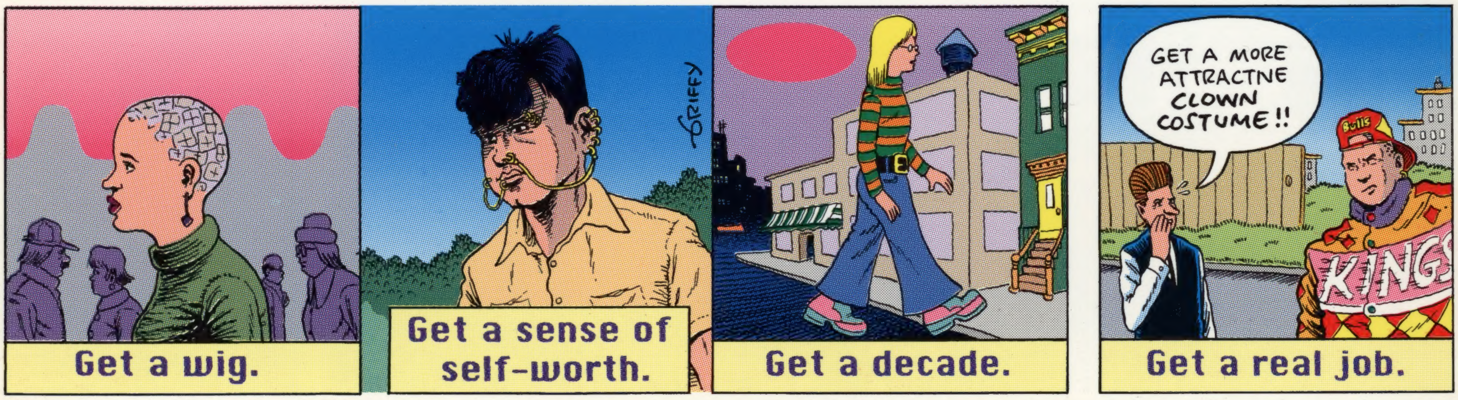

IT CAN STRIKE AT ANY TIME.
GRIFFY
IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE.
THE "NANCY" DO...IS IT YOU?


WELCOME TO ZIPPY'S "HOME AWAY FROM HOME"-- HIS FUR-LINED FALLOUT SHELTER--
ALTAR TO PIERCE BROSNAN
FAUX, NATURALLY!
GRIFFY
THE UNEXAMINED LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING
HERE ZIPPY UNWINDS, RELAXES AND TOSSES BACK A FEW HOT ONES...
NON-ALCOHOLIC, OF COURSE!
5-YEAR SUPPLY OF "POPULAR MECHANICS"
AND (GOD FORBID) SHOULD WORLD WAR III EVER MAKE A BIG COMEBACK AND NUCLEAR WINTER DESCENDS, HE'S THOROUGHLY PREPARED..
I'VE GOT MY RUG TO KEEP ME WARM!
10-YEAR SUPPLY OF TOUPEE ADHESIVE
GENERIC BEETS
SEN SEN
HE'S A SURVIVOR!


"AREA 51", IN TH' BARREN NEVADA DESERT--- ZIPPY ANXIOUSLY AWAITS HIS ALIEN ABDUCTION...
GRIFFY
DARN.
I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE TOPPED OFF MY PRECIOUS BODILY FLUIDS!


Get a wig.
Get a sense of self-worth.
GRIFFY
Get a decade.
GET A MORE ATTRACTIVE CLOWN COSTUME!!
Bulls
KINGS
Get a real job.

“Zippy has caused a vortex in my cortex!”

—George Carlin